



FOUNDED 1902

Granville & Districts Soccer Football Association 1902 -2002

Granville Magpies _ Foundation Committee 1882



Circa 1900



FOREWARD

The contents of this book cannot possibly collect all the material that has been created in the 100 years of the Granville District Soccer Football Association (GDSFA).

This project came about as an attempt to capture some history of the GDSFA however as the task became overwhelming the aim of the book took a varied course. As the GDSFA has been made up with the Clubs it was decided to capture as far as possible the history of the Clubs. Obviously over the 100 years many Clubs have unfortunately come and gone & it was just impossible to capture the history of the clubs that are now defunct.

I admit that this book does not do justice to the history of the GDSFA but it is seen as a stepping stone for some other historian or other interested person to expand on this work. The history so far is from 1902 to 2002 and already new Clubs have commenced in 2003 & 2004.

All the Clubs in this book were requested and supplied information that goes towards the compilation of this book. Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in the book is accurate & reliable. However, if mistakes have been made they have been done in good faith.

We have to understand that computers & the recording of information in electronic form has only commenced in the mid 90's and this probably explains the absence of the proper recording of GDSFA's history.

The GDSFA is recorded as the oldest Soccer Association in Australia however the actual playing of soccer in Australia commenced in the 1880's when local Scottish migrants played on the current Mitsubishi site which is located on Parramatta Rd. Granville.

From there games were played against various suburbs & later business houses.

This book does not also do justice to those people who started up the various Clubs as we know them today. In the beginning there were no Clubhouses, canteens, change rooms, toilets, car parks or floodlights. And let us not forget that they did not have telephones, let alone mobile phones. In the majority of cases they did not have motor vehicles to transport players etc around. Nor did they have computers, photocopiers or fax machines.

However, I believe that the people who started the clubs would not have had it any other way. In the main they had a love for the sport and wanted to see the kids have a game of soccer.

I have met many wonderful and interesting people whilst trying to compile this book. It has been a pleasure to obtain their memories and put them on paper. Steve Waugh the now former Australian Cricket captain is a great believer in obtaining the history of sport as he believed that if you know where you have come from, then you have a good chance of getting where you want to be.

Some of the marvellous people I met during the research were Mr Tom Newhouse from the Baulkham Hills Soccer & Recreation Club and Mr Joe Grubba from the Merrylands SFC & Merrylands RSL Club. These two men are typical of the good that can come out of sport. I have found both men derived immeasurable pleasure from their sport and their keenness is obvious when you are in their company and talking about soccer or life. These two men are only but fine examples of what sport can do to mould character when a person is involved in our sport.

Women have played a vital role in the development & running of the Clubs & they worked tirelessly around the Clubs & their contribution has not gone unnoticed.

A grant of \$2,200 was obtained from the Dept. of Sport & Recreation & this was important in the research of the book and I thank them for their valuable assistance.

Mr Laurie Ferguson the Federal Member for Reid has shown an interest in the book and as a loyal supporter of GDSFA he has supplied a letter of congratulations for this book.

Kim Billett (my daughter in law) has prepared the book for the printers and has been involved in chasing up various clubs and many people who have supplied information.

Lastly I apologise to all of you readers and the current committee of the GDSFA who have been supportive of this book for the lateness. The project has been interesting and totally worthwhile & I only hope that each Club continues upgrading their history as once the memories are gone, they are gone forever.

Eddie Billett



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Granville District Football Club - 1909

Letter from Laurie Ferguson MP

In the pursuit of local historical studies work regarding the Granville Soccer Association and its constituent clubs is very significant. The Association having been founded in 1882 and still existing has a proud story to tell. In longevity it exceeds the effort of the majority of English Premier Division teams.

The tale also encompasses the early migration patterns characterised by extensive English, Scottish and Welsh migration to Western Sydney for employment at Hudson Bros and many other local teams. Into the thirties, Company teams such as Metters and Goodyears persisted. An instance of the impact of these countries is that when a now deceased friend attended Granville South Public School in the thirties, it was the first time she had spoken English. There were so many Welsh speakers in Granville. This was crucial for soccer strength with first division clubs such as Granville and Auburn.

The size of the current Association's boundaries reminds us that it once entailed far-flung, semi rural communities.

Today's officials and players can glory in the contemporary successes of clubs, the Association representative teams' efforts and the changed demands from a far more diverse community.

Simultaneously, they can now know of the Congregational Church's involvement in the formation of Guildford, the scout movement's early connection with Holroyd Rangers, the history of the Cottam Cup and the gold medal struck for local schoolboys by Fred Barlow early last century and appreciate that this is now recorded for future generations.

I congratulate the constituent clubs for their contributions and more particularly Eddie Billett for coordination endeavours on this important job.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Ferguson', with a stylized, flowing script.

Laurie Ferguson MP
Federal Member for Reid

Granville & Districts Soccer Football Association

1902 – 2002

Soccer was first played in Australia at Parramatta in 1880, interstate matches were played in the 1880's and an English professional team toured Australia in 1920. In 1952 there was 25,000 registered players in Australia, in 1963 the total was in excess of 179,000. In 1976 there were alone 5060 registered players in 510 teams in the Granville competition. Today there are even greater numbers.

The Granville Soccer Football Association was founded in 1882 and was in existence long before such famous English clubs as Arsenal, Chelsea, Coventry City, Ipswich Town, Leeds United, Lester City, Liverpool, Manchester City, Norwich City, Queens Park Rangers, Westham United and the Glasgow Celtics.

The first club formed in 1880 was the Parramatta based Wanderers Club, which was formed as the result of a meeting on 3rd August 1880 at Aarons Hotel. A predominantly Scottish group employed at Clyde Engineering Company founded the Granville Club. During 1883 – 1884 there was no organised competition, social matches prevailed. In 1885 a loose league type competition or badge matches were inaugurated. At this time a NSW wide knockout competition modelled on the FA Cup and known as the Rainsford Trophy was introduced. Granville won this trophy by defeating Caledonians 3 goals to 1 at St Joseph Banks ground in Botany on 12th September 1885, in front of a crowd who paid 24 ponds in gate money. They repeated this feat in 1886 by defeating Canterbury 2 goals to 0, but the following year were defeated by Newcastle's Hamilton Athletic, an interesting feature was the Rainsford Trophy, it did not exist, it was a phantom cup.

On this fertile soil the seeds of junior soccer were sown. At the turn of the Century the late Fred Barlow, a blacksmith employed by the locomotive engineering firm of Hudson Bros. struck a gold medal for schoolboys, this started junior soccer in Granville. The name of Fred Barlow remained a by word in the Granville District for two decades after his death.

Schools from all the surrounding towns commenced a Friday competition for the Fred Barlow gold medal. Fred Williams, a schoolteacher, was the organiser. Referees who officiated these early matches were Bently Hyslop, Messrs. Waldron, Hunt, William, Katen, Thompson and Willisford.

The first junior competition known to be conducted was in 1902; officials connected with the district football at the time were Bently Hyslop, Jock Tillman, George Willicks, Fred Barlow and Messrs. Unwin and Readman.

All age football and schools were the only ones catered for until the 1914 – 1918 war. In the 1920's under 21 years, 18 and 16 years competitions were commenced.

In the earlier formative years there was hardly a household in Granville that was not connected to the local club and Association. In later years when Tom Ritchie and his committee formed the Saturday morning competition for boys 10 – 12 and 14 years, the start of junior soccer as we know it was born.

The Granville Association area extended from Homebush, west to the foot of the Blue Mountains, Ryde in the north, to Campbelltown in the south. It was Granville's recommendation to the NSW junior Association that Southern District be formed and gave a portion of their territory from Fairfield south to Campbelltown, which is now the Southern District Soccer Association.

In past years Granville helped in the formation of the Nepean Soccer Association, giving up the territory from Blacktown west to Springwood. Despite all of this Granville has continued to thrive. Great junior clubs have been formed. These with the no less famous smaller clubs make up the Association as it stands today. Indeed some of the clubs in the Association are nearly as old as the Association itself.

The following pages are a brief look at how we came as far as we did with a look at each of the current clubs and also some stories we heard along the way. The stories you will probably notice more than anything is the mateship that is formed in a club and the association and also the hard work and fun.

The following pages show a small photo history of “the old days”.

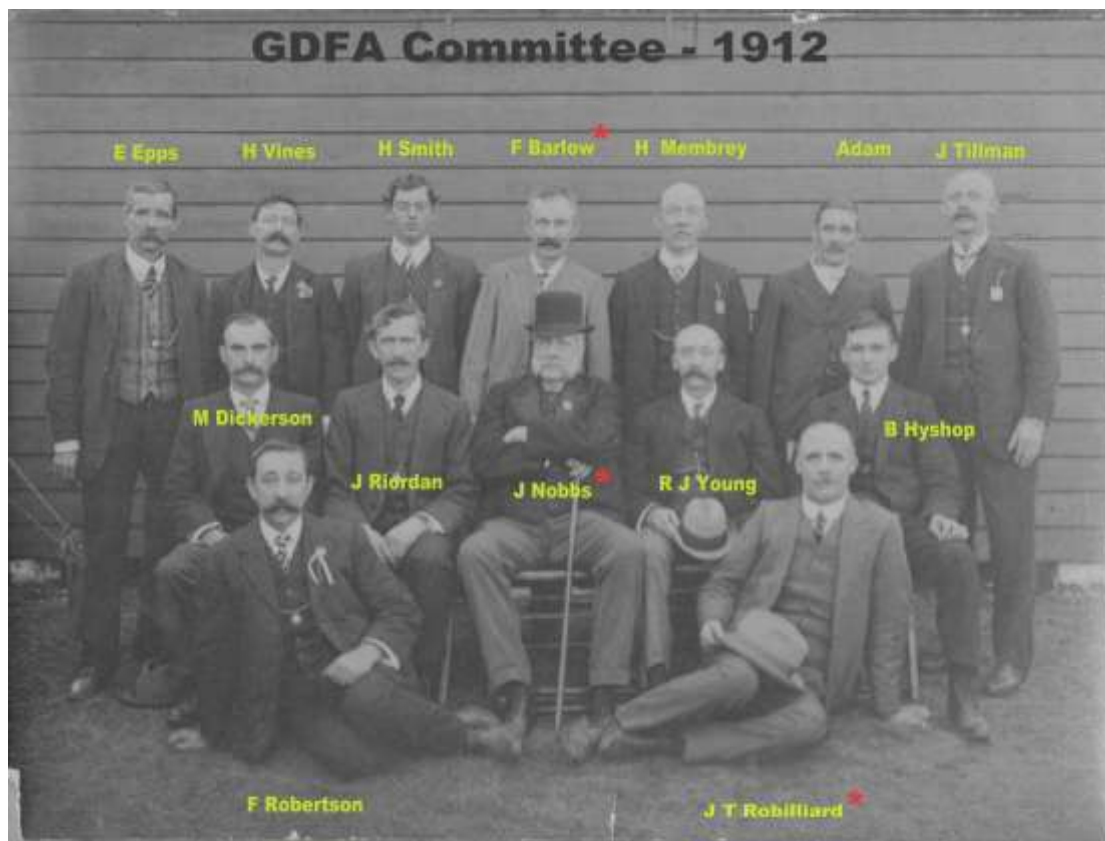


Granville president Frank Garside with his sons Frank (left) and Alan, both promising players.

Frank Garside with sons Frank and Alan



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GDFA Committee 1912



c1900 - unidentified



GRANVILLE DISTRICT SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

GRANVILLE DISTRICT SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

NEWHOUSE FAMILY

95 YEARS

of

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GRANVILLE DISTRICT SOCCER REFEREE'S ASSOCIATION
NEW SOUTH WALES SOCCER REFEREE'S ASSOCIATION**

Jack Newhouse made a significant contribution to the development of junior soccer and to the high standard of refereeing in the GRANVILLE DISTRICT. He would be proud today, to know that his vision has been carried on by his SON'S, GRANDSON'S, GREAT GRANDSON'S and NOW GREAT GREAT GRANDSON'S.....

"THE TRADITION CONTINUES...."

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Two Blues 1921



Holroyd United 1914

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SONS

Raymond
Newhouse
1943-1955

Tom
Newhouse
1939-

Keith
Newhouse
1947-1959

GRANDSONS

John
Overton
1948-1983

Dennis
Overton
1955-1988

Bradley
Newhouse
1965-2001

GREAT GRANDSONS

Steve Overton
1968-1980
Brett Overton
1970-2000
Scott Overton
1972-1981

Geoffrey
Overton
1972-1988
Andrew
Overton
1972-1988

GREAT, GREAT GRANDSONS

Daniel
Overton
2001 -

Gareth
Woodworth
2000 -
Jacob
Woodworth
2000 -

James
Overton
2000 -

"THE TRADITION CONTINUES"

SON ... RAYMOND NEWHOUSE (SNOWY) Dec'd.

Played for:

GRANVILLE CENTRAL, PITT ROW SOCCER CLUBS under 18 to seniors - 1943-1945.

A well respected referee G.D.S.R.A. - 1946 -1955.

SON.... TOM NEWHOUSE

Associated with soccer in the Granville District for over 60 years.

Played for:

PARK HILL, GRANVILLE EAST, ROSEHILL, WINGFOOT and CHELSA SOCCER CLUBS from under 12 to seniors - 1939-1950.

Represented G.D.S.F.A. in 1943 and 1945.

A member of the G.D.S.F.A. continuously from 1950 to 1964.

Life member BAULKHAM HILLS CRICKET AND RECREATION CLUB SOCCER DIVISION.

Held the following club positions, including Club Delegate to the G.D.S.F.A. Competition Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer and President.

Registrar continuously since 1976 and still holding office.

Coach of club teams from under 6 to Seniors from 1966 to present.

Awards for services to soccer include

G.D.S.F.A. (1973)

N.S.W. MATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION (1974)

AUSTRALIA SPORTS MEDAL (2000)

LAURIE FURGUSON AWARD (Club Person of the Year 2001)

AWARDED ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL (O.A.M).

For services to the community and to soccer.

SON ... KEITH NEWHOUSE.

Played for:

GRANVILLE EAST, WUNDERLICHs and GUILDFORD WANDERERS SOCCER CLUBS from under 16 to Seniors 1947 to 1959.

GRANDSON ... JOHN OVERTON.

Played for:

GRANVILLE KEWPIES, GRANVILLE CENTRAL and GUILDFORD WANDERS SOCCER CLUBS from under 12 to Seniors 1948 to 1960.

Represented G.D.S.F.A. under 18 1954.

Manager of the G.D.S.F.A. representative teams and Committee Member from 1972 to 1983.

Life member and Foundation Committee Member GREYSTANES SOCCER CLUB (1971)

Held the following club positions, including Treasurer, President and Team Coach and Manager

Awards for services to soccer include:

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MEDAL. 2000

GRANDSON ...DENNIS OVERTON.

Played for:

AUBURN DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB from under 10 to under 16, 1955 to 1961.

Coach Juniors DUBBO SOUTH WANDERERS SOCCER CLUB. 1977- 1980

Coach Senior Player -Manager ST ANDREWS DUNDAS SOCCER CLUB 1986-88.

Member of the GRANVILLE DISTRICT SOCCER REFEREE ASSOCIATION from 1968 to 1972.

GRANDSON ...BRADLEY NEWHOUSE.

Played for:

BAULKHAM HILLS SOCCER CLUB under 7 to under 21 from 1965 - 1979

School Sports Master (Soccer).

"THE TRADITION CONTINUES"

GREAT GRANDSON ... STEVEN OVERTON.

Played for:

MERRYLANDS R.S.L. AND GREYSTANES SOCCER CLUB under 6 to under 18 from 1968 - 1980
Junior Referee G.D.S.F.A. 1977 - 1980

GREAT GRANDSON ...BRET OVERTON.

Played for:

MERRYLANDS R.S.L. and GREYSTANES SOCCER CLUBS under 6 to Seniors
from 1970 - 1994. (200 plus games for G.S.C.)
Represented G.D.S.F.A. 1973 - 77
DUNDAS UNITED SOCCER CLUB over 35 2000

GREAT GRANDSON ...SCOTT OVERTON.

Played for:

GREYSTANES and WENTY WARATH SOCCER CLUBS under 6 to under 16 from
1972- 1981

GREAT GRANDSON ...GEOFFREY OVERTON

Played for:

GREYSTANES SOCCER CLUB from 1972 - 1974
DUBBO SOUTH WANDERERS JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB from 1977 - 1980.
ST ANDREWS DUNDAS SOCCER CLUB Seniors from 1986-88

GREAT GRANDSON ...ANDREW OVERTON

Played for:

GREYSTANES SOCCER CLUB from 1972 - 1974
DUBBO SOUTH WANDERERS JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB from 1977 - 1980.
ST ANDREWS DUNDAS SOCCER CLUB Seniors from 1986-88

GREAT GREAT GRANDSON ...DANIEL OVERTON

Played for:

WINSTON HILLS SOCCER CLUB JUNIORS under 8 2001.

GREAT GREAT GRANDSON ... JAMES OVERTON.

Played for:

DOONSIDE HAWKS under 8 2000

GREAT GREAT GRANDSON ...GARETH WOODORTH.

Played for:

SHELLHARBOUR SOCCER CLUB under 8 2000- 2001

GREAT GREAT GRANDSON ...JACOB WOODORTH.

Played for:

SHELLHARBOUR SOCCER CLUB under 8 2000



Tom Newhouse and nephew at the Centenary Dinner

Auburn District Junior Soccer Club

1956 - 2002

The club was formed in 1956 as a result of a break away from the Auburn Senior Soccer Club, which used to play their games at Mona Park Auburn & have licensed premises in Northumberland Rd. Some of the Presidents from 1956 to 1975 were Mr Keith Myers, Mr King, Mr Spinks and Mr G Dunn. Records show that the inaugural meeting of the club was held on Thursday 26 April 1956 at Mr T. Geaney's house at 63 Norval St. Auburn. A committee was formed and the first President was Mr H Haggett.

Although the club officially commenced in 1956 an attached photo depicts a team taken in 1955. The photo is believed to be taken in Mona Park, Auburn. The shirts depict the initials A.D. which meant Auburn District. It is on good authority by Mrs. Rawson (wife of Life Member) that this team was the first Auburn team. It is unclear whether this team played in Granville Association or not.

The original clubhouse was an unlocked tin shed with benches. On one occasion kids from Lithgow came down to play social games & it had been raining heavy. The kids were caked in mud & had to wash under a cold water tap. At the next club meeting it was decided to build a clubhouse. Approximately six thousand pounds (\$12,000) was raised & many parents dug the foundations & built the club from volunteer labour. According to information the main person who was responsible for building the clubhouse was a man named Dave Smith who worked as a part time milkman. He had time on his hands & he obtained a permit from Council. Mr Smith had no kids playing in the club & purely gave up his free time to help the local kids.

In 1960, through the efforts of a working bee and a lot of hard work the present clubhouse was erected and was owned by the Club. The clubhouse was officially opened on Sunday, 20 August 1961. In about 1996 the Auburn Council in its wisdom declined to renew the lease/licence and the building reverted to Council. Auburn Council owns the land where the clubhouse is located.

During the 60's the club installed two lighting masts which contained eight lamps & so night football commenced. A club person Clarrie Hartshorn who as a father of one of boys who worked for Telstra (PMG) and he obtained the telegraph poles & these were erected with floodlights and were also laid down as seats on the ground in about 1963. Summer coaching was introduced at the club and boys were invited to attend. Boys came from Peakhurst, Camden, Liverpool & Pendle Hill together with other clubs in the Granville Association. Prizes were awarded to boys who in the opinion of the coaches had shown the most interest & improvement & all boys were issued with an arm path.

Prior to the floodlights the boys had to train straight after school & normally trained until dark. The nets were brought to the ground each Saturday in the boot of a car & these were erected & brought down each game day. The mens auxiliary marked the fields each week.

Another first in the club as the conducting of the 'McPherson Trophy' competition sponsored by McPherson Ltd. who were engineering suppliers. It was mainly played by Under 12 Division teams & was most prestigious event.

Progress Park initially had 2 playing fields and the 3rd field was later completed. This field use to have an old trotting track on it and trotters use to train there. It was also

used by locals to learn how to drive & they used it prior to obtaining their driving license.

According to Barney Murray (former coach) that there was tremendous community spirit within the Auburn area as many people gave donations towards the club. Many businesses also gave money, which went towards the building fund. Some of the original sponsors were, Jim Green (Greens Ice – Water St. Lidcombe), Frank & Tony Curro (they gave a box of fruit each week which was raffled, Vince Calver (Jeweller) Maurie Kubish (Jeweller), Mansours (sold linen & towels), Bradford Insulation, & Michael Nairns (made linoleum).

Mrs Catton (believed to reside in Paul St.) made the playing strip (shirts) by hand for the entire club (approx. 18 teams) & she made new shirts each year & she did this for many years.

As part of fund raising you could buy a ticket for 2 shillings (now 20 cents) and if you had the last two numbers of the first prize drawn on the lottery on Friday you won 5 pounds (now \$10.00). Fundraising also consisted of selling toffees & cakes to parents on game days and the funds raised went to the Club. The largest raffle prize was a new car. There were 100 tickets sold for 20 pounds (now \$40.00) and the make of the car was believed to be a Holden.

Sometimes the entire club would travel by car to country towns for games. They would travel to Blaney, Cardiff, Woonoona and Unanderra. Some of the kids were billeted out and stayed with the opposition teams and made some good friendships. On one occasion on a trip to Blaney the fathers decided to sleep in their cars. During the night it snowed and they practically froze to death.

Presentation nights were held at the Auburn Town Hall, Granville Town Hall or at the clubhouse at Progress Park. Sometimes senior players from the Auburn Soccer Club would coach the kids & a player by the name of Barry Staples (winger) would attend from time to time sent down to coach the junior players.

Some of the opposition teams in 1958 were Guildford, Granville Waratah, Granville Kewpies, Wenty Waratahs and Dundas. The kids were conveyed to away games in cars and due to the shortage of cars they were placed in the boots of the cars with their legs hanging out.

On Saturday afternoons some of the men in the club would go to Macarthur Park (now called Garside Park) and watch the Granville Magpies. Prior to the game the men would go to the Rosehill Pub and have a few beers and also during half time. Some of the other teams that played at Macarthur Park were Auburn, Granville, Meters, Goodyear and Leichardt.

An important part of the club was the ladies committee & they would meet monthly at a different house. Some of the ladies were, Madeline Hughes, Dot Hughes, Jill Wilkes, Ailsa Murra, Mrs Henreitty & they would raise funds & discuss social days, field days and would organize food for visiting teams from the country.

Auburn Alliance Under 10 Years
A.D.S. F.C.



Back — R.Ryder. R.Rawson. M. Lamb. R. Hartshorne. R. Geary.
D. Thomson. G. Thomson.
K.Casserly. D. Overton. D. Baldiston. Goalie - K. Bennet.



Granville under 12's Circa 1958 - Garside Park



Baulkham Hills Soccer Club

1962-2002

At a General Meeting held in 1961 Baulkham Hills cricket club members decided unanimously to adopt soccer as a winter sport.

In our first season in 1962 when calling for goalkeepers one six year old remarked, “pick me, I let in three goals at practice”, such was the eagerness of the players from the very beginning.

Five teams were entered into the GDSFA that year at the home ground at Park Road Reserve.

1963: Our first ladies team began. Under 12's won the Premiership.

1964: Premierships won in under 8's, Under 10a's and under 14's.

1966: 10 teams were fielded.

1967: 14'4 registered players. Floodlighting was installed.

1968: 13 teams fielded with Under 10 Division 2 and Under 14 Division 3 Premiers.

1969: Now Baulkham Hills Sporting Club experienced a growth of 40%.

1971: Under 8a and Under 10a were Grand Champions and the Club grew by a further six teams.

1972: Under 6a, Under 7a, Under 7d and Under 12a's all became Premiers with the Under 7a's going on to be Champion of Champions.

1973: There were 39 teams. Inaugural Year in the NSW Federation Third Division.

1974: 40 teams registered, seven being League champions and five Grand Champions.

1975: 46 teams registered.

1976: 53 teams registered. 10 2's, 10 2's, 10 4's, 10 6's blues, 11 2's, 11 4's, 13 3's, 14 1's and 16 1's were league Champions. 10 's1, 11 1's, 13 1's, 13 5's, 16 2's, 17 2's were Grand Champions. Hot showers installed.

1977: 59 teams registered. Under 17a Division 1, Under 11a Division 1 and Under 12a Division 1 were all Champions of Champions.

1978: 61 teams registered.

1979. 64 teams registered.

1980: The club now had over 800 registered players. Under 11 5's, Under 11 7's, Under 13 3's were Grand Champions. Under 11 7's and under 13 3's were also League Champions.

1981: This year the club grew to 93 registered teams. Under 10 3's, Under 14 2's blacks and 883b were all Grand Champions.

1982: Division 1 League Champions.

1983: Grand Champions were 19 1's, 10 1's, 10 3's, 11 1's, 12 4's and seniors. League and Grand Champions were 10 3's, 11 1's and seniors. League women's were 8 1's and 12 5's.

1984: Grand Champions 9 2's, 11 1's, 12 1's, 14 2's, 15 2's. League Champions 12 1's. The Federation Third Division were League Champions.

1985: League Winners were 10 3's and 12 2's.

1986: Under 17 team were League Champions.

1987: Under 9 3's, 11 4's and 15 3's white were Premiers.

1988: Grand Champions were 11 3's, 17 1's, and 18 1's. League and Grand Champions under 17 1's.

1989: Season cancelled.

1990: League and Grand Champions were under 8 1's. Grand Champions Premier League 2.

1992: Under 21 2's were Premiers.

1993: Under 16 2's were League and Grand Champions. League Champions and Grand Finalists were under 13 2's and seniors 4. League Champions and Finalists Under 9 2's. GDSFA "Champion Club".

1994: League and Grand Champions 18 1's black, Grand Champions PL/RS.

1995: League and Grand Champions 15 2's, 21 1's black, PL2/RS. Grand Champions 13 3's and seniors 4. League winners and Finalists PL2 first.

With continuous growth at this club it goes without saying that we have had many achievements over the years – too many to go on mentioning.

The spirit within this club has been fantastic throughout all of the changes and growth we have seen and we are sure it will continue.



Baulkham Hills

Castle Hill United Soccer Club

1972-2002

Castle Hill United was formed in 1972 when Castle Hill United and Castle Hill RSL merged, although there are roots back to the early 1940's.

The merger came about following an invitation to participate in the Granville competition. The two individual clubs could not meet the registration requirements in terms of number of teams, but together satisfied the conditions.

The club entered the Granville competition with 12 teams and 143 players and has continued to grow ever since.

However, with a merged club, extra members and a lack of facilities there was a need to move to Fred Caterson Reserve. With all of this happening there was dissent in the club and a breakaway club was formed, now Castle Hill RSL, this halved United's numbers. However after the move to Fred Caterson Reserve, the club again became the dominant soccer club and membership grew. Over the years since occupying FCR the club has invested heavily in the further development of the grounds and surrounding area.

By the year 1997, our 25th anniversary, we had 627 players giving us 57 teams in the Granville District competition.

With healthy sponsorship and the support of the local council we are able to improve facilities and continue to upgrade as needed. The council is receptive to our needs and provides great service to us.

Our future growth has been guaranteed with the amalgamation with Hills United to provide one progressive club to look after the needs of all it's members. Our belief is that there is nothing more satisfying than providing a family environment in a fiendly sporting club promoting soccer.

The club is promoting soccer with a view to its members developing a healthy body and mind in a competitive fashion and allowing the full development of young people.



Castle Hill United vs Auburn



c1920 - Unidentified



Castle Hill RSL Soccer Club

1966-2002

Hills Independent Sports Club was formed on the 24th July 1966 by Dimitar Mikulasev, known as Dimi, and who was the first life member of the club.

Dimi was secretary from 1966 – 1972, Sports manager for a number of years, President 1989 – 1990 and retired from all official club activities in 1991.

One of the club's key philosophies has always been to provide sport opportunities for as many children in the Hills District as possible.

Indeed, in the early years, the club provided the opportunity for children to play soccer from Marella Mission Kellyville, St Michael's Boys Home Baulkham Hills and Charlton Boy's Home Castle Hill free of charge.

The club originally had no playing name, however, five years after the club was established the Chairperson of the Ladies' Auxiliary (now the Social Committee) suggested the name "Rockets". The name was adopted by the Ladies Auxiliary and ultimately approved by the full Committee of the club.

The club has been playing at Eric Mobbs Reserve for in excess of 20 years, having previously played at Greenup Park Castle Hill. Greenup Park was the first public playing field in the district and was established by Dimi in 1969. In 1994 the Mayor of Baulkham Hills presented the club and also Dimi with plaques of recognition for the work done in the development of Greenup Park.

The club's colours were updated to royal blue and white in the late 80's, having originally been black and gold.

During the early nineties the club was struggling for numbers, particularly with the juniors and it was decided to change the direction of Hills Independent Soccer Club by taking a strategic alliance within the district to give the club a more Castle Hill relationship.

Under the guidance of Bill Wallace and club President Bob Maike the club established an affiliation with Castle Hill RSL in 1995, whilst maintaining the independence that was the cornerstone of Dimi's dream. This alliance has seen the club grow consistently through the late nineties to a situation, which sees the club with representation through all age groups to seniors, over 35's and also women's teams.

Success on the field has also seen Castle Hill RSL win Champion of Champions in the junior age groups and also the prestigious Premier League.

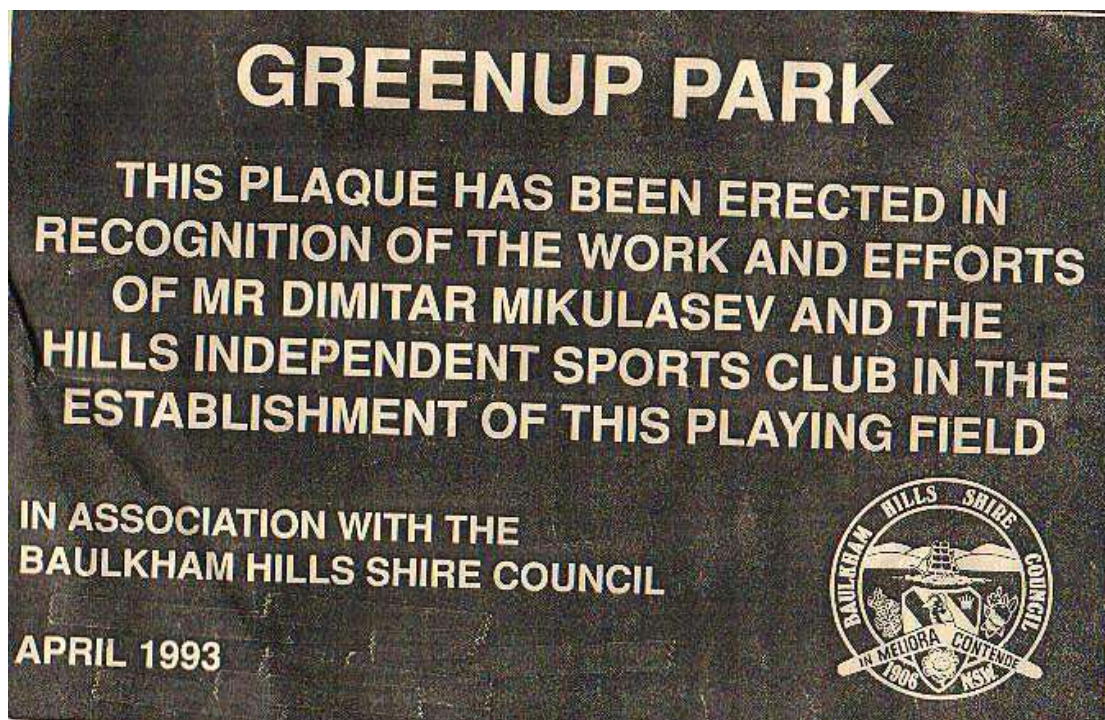
The committees of the club over many years have maintained the spirit of Dimi Mikulasev through continued effort in providing the best facilities. In 1998 the club upgraded the flood-lighting at Eric Mobbs Reserve to night game standard, and provide the boys and girls of Castle Hill with qualified coaches, equipment, facilities and a spirit of fair play which should hold the club in good stead into the future.

From 1985 to 1998 two club members were honored with Life Membership. Allan Froud, senior player and committee member during the 80's, and Bob Maike, senior player and committee member until 1985 - 1998.

The club celebrated its 35th anniversary in 2001.



This photo is of Dimitar Mikulasev preparing the field to fulfill future players dreams and below is a plaque that has been erected in recognition of his efforts in doing so.



Cottam Cup

This trophy was initially presented in 1907, to the NSW Football Association by Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson KCMG, and has always been played on a straight knockout basis, open to all amateur senior teams. In 1916, Granville was the first Association to have a team win the cup for 3 successive years and as a result the trophy was (to quote from the engraving):

“won outright by Granville and presented to the players of G DFA for competition as the “Cottam Memorial Charity Cup”, in memory of J W Cottam, killed in action in France April 17, 1917”

J W Cottam was a player of extreme note who played with Granville Magpies until he enlisted for duty in WW1. Accordingly, from 1916 to 1994, the competition was restricted to teams coming from within the boundaries of Granville Association. However, from 1995, the competition format reverted to entries for teams from all Sydney Associations, with all finals to be played within Granville Association.

Winners of the Cottam Cup

1907	Pymont	1962	Granville Magpie All Stars
1908	Glebe	1963	Granville Magpie All Stars
1909	Pymont	1964	Dundas United
1910	Glebe	1966	Granville Magpies
1911	Balmain	1967	Granville Waratah
1912	Sydney	1968	Granville Waratah
1913	Newtown	1969	Granville Waratah
1914	Granville Magpies	1970	Granville Waratah
1915	Granville Magpies	1971	Granville Waratah
1916	Granville Magpies	1972	Granville Waratah
1920	Parramatta Two Blues	1973	Granville Waratah
1921	Parramatta Two Blues	1974	Rydalmere
1922	Auburn	1975	Winston Hills
1924	Granville Kewpie A	1976	Winston Hills
1925	Granville Kewpie B	1977	Lidcombe
1928	Granville Magpies B	1978	Rydalmere
1929	North Strathfield A	1979	Granville Waratah
1930	Granville Kewpie	1980	Granville Waratah
1931	Granville Waratah	1981	Granville Kewpies
1932	Central	1982	Pendle Hill
1933	Altona	1983	Rydalmere
1937	Rosehill Kia-Ora	1984	Rydalmere
1938	Rosehill Kia-Ora	1985	Granville Waratah
1939	Shamrocks	1986	Granville Waratah
1940	AGE Hotpoints	1987	Guildford County
1941	Granville Kewpies	1988	St Johns Auburn
1942	Waddington	1990	Dundas United
1947	Wunderlick	1991	Castle Hill
1948	Rosehill Kia-Ora	1992	Dundas United
1949	Granville Kewpies	1993	Pendle Hill
1953	Parramatta Two Blues	1994	Pendle Hill
1954	Mt Druitt Meteors	1995	Dundas United
1955	Toongabbie	1996	St Johns Auburn
1956	Shell Co.	1997	Dundas United
1957	Liverpool	1998	Wenty Waratah
1958	Wenty Waratahs	1999	Kellyville
1959	Granville Magpie All Stars B	2000	Pendle Hill
1960	Granville Magpie All Stars	2001	Merrylands SFC
1961	Granville Magpie All Stars	2002	Dundas United

An extract from the “Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate”

Saturday, 5/5/1917

Five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cottam of “Werriwa” High Street, Harris Park, migrated to Australia with the whole of their family, which comprised two sons, John Willie and Albert. The eldest son, J.W., was not long in Australia before his credentials secured for him a position in the Clyde boiler-works, and this position he kept until he heard his country’s call, and, hearing it, enlisted for active service, on July 19, 1915, from Parramatta. He went into camp a fortnight later at Liverpool, and sailed for Egypt on November 2, arriving there 22 days later, on the 24th. He was in the trenches at the Suez Canal awhile before being sent direct to France, where he arrived on March 28, 1916, with the first division to be sent direct from Egypt. He has been in the trenches, practically speaking, ever since, although he was knocked over with a bomb early in the Pozieres fighting, as well as having suffered slightly with “trench feet”, which kept him in hospital for a month. On both occasions (and this is perhaps another illustration of the dire need for reinforcements for our soldiers) he was returned to the firing line and had gone right through until it came to his turn to pay the supreme price, as conveyed to the family on Saturday last by Rev. S.M. Johnstone – “died in clearing hospital, as the result of gunshot wound to the forehead, on April 17.” The deceased soldier was a great favorite in this district. He was a noted soccer footballer, and many members - and high officials, too - of the G. and E.F.A. have this week quietly and unassumingly bowed their heads as they heard the sad news. He was a prominent member of the redoubtable “Magpies”, and placed centre forward in the team that won the double event - the Gardiner and Rawson cup in one season (1914), following it up in 1915 by again winning the Rawson Cup and only meeting defeat for the Gardiner Cup in the semi-final, in 1915. He also held an honor cap from the Sydney association. His only brother, Private Albert Cottam, is 21 years of age, and is still fighting in France. He enlisted in November, 1915, was ill in Egypt, completed his training in England, and has been in the firing line since November 10, 1916. He, too, was a footballer before enlisting, but was attached to the Parramatta Juniors, who won the soccer medals in 1914. Both young men were adherents of the Congregational Church in Parramatta. Much genuine sympathy is expressed with Mr. and Mrs. Cottam who willingly allowed their two boys - their only children - to return over the vast expanse of ocean to fight for the country of their birth and the land of their adoption. May their example be emulated by some of the cold-footed wasters who ever try to detract from the merits of “Pommies”. Out of respect to their late fellow workmen the flag at Clyde works was flying at half mast during the week, and upon receipt of the sad news Alderman H. A. Membrey (president) and Mr. Fred Robertson (secretary), of the G. and D.F.A., called upon Mr. and Mrs. Cottam and extended the sympathy of the associations.



Dundas United Recreation Club Inc.

1958-2002

Dundas United Recreation Club was officially formed in 1958. It was started primarily by a group of English migrants, with a sprinkling of Australians and Europeans, who settled into the area in late 1957 early 1958. My father was one of the original members of the club and my playing days were from 1958 to 1965. Some of the earlier teams in the district that were also formed mainly by migrants and factory workers were Pippita, Rheem, Goodyear and Camelia.

Dundas was a farming, dairy, orchard and nursery area until 1957 when the Housing Commission began a housing development of the area.

At the time of forming, the club had only one full size field running east to West. The goal posts for that field were put up and taken down each week and were stored in the backyard of the local butcher shop in Yates Avenue owned by Bill Angus. The goal posts are long gone but the shop is still there next to Charlie's Foodland. It is now Granny Cho Dang's To Fu.

Our Canteen at the time consisted of a tent and a trestle table. Tea and home-made cakes were the big money spinners. With the introduction of weekend gala days, it soon became profitable to also sell the brown ale. The tent would stay up over night and there was no shortage of volunteers to look after the tent and of course the keg. Those were the days when DA, KB, Pilsener and Flag Ale were the popular drops.

With Council building our change rooms/showers/toilets and store room (now the old toilet block/store) we finally had a building and a piece of turf to call ours. The centre storeroom of the old toilet block soon became our showpiece canteen. Out came the trestle table every Saturday in front of the room and the ladies had somewhere to shelter from the elements and to prepare their fare.

Gala Days were the go in the early days. These days commenced in the early hours with parents loading their kids on a bus for a trip to play the likes of Blacktown Hotspurs of Revesby Ravens. The smart parents joined forces and went by car.

Starting with the juniors and progressing through the age groups, it was a day full of soccer culminating with a match between the coaches and managers of both clubs. Maybe not a very skillful game but nevertheless a good laugh and the kids loved it. Much like today's over 35's.

They were also the days when the white haired, one arm referee ruled supreme. No back chatting this referee. Any hint of foul play and off you went. We were always on our best behavior when this bloke was about. Players like Joe and Cyril Woods even respected this referee when he had control. If you get the chance ask Joe about him.

Our early presentation days were held in the local hall adjacent to the Family Hotel in Park Road. With the influence of our patron we progressed to the up market Dundas Town Hall opposite Brush Park Bowling Club. Who will ever forget the "Tanti's" as part of our celebration feast, trophies were small and wall banners the highly sought after prize.

As the club grew, presentation days soon became club picnic outings to places like Mitchell Park, Windsor and Cattai, and later to Wilson Park at Silverwater.

As a club we were fortunate to have as our patron Sir Garfield Barwick who ensured that we kept our oval despite many challenges for it in the early days. With the

population growing in the area it was inevitable that a third oval was needed. The creek was piped and after being used as a tip for a short period our current number three field became a reality.

With the growing number of soccer teams, and the need for a cricket pitch, it was eventually decided to split the one field into two smaller grounds as they are today. The original cricket pitch is still in place but is approximately one meter to the eastern side of the existing pitch and a few inches down. Some of the teams doing ground setup will now know why the halfway flag holes seem to hit rock bottom when trying to make a hole deep enough to hold the flag.

The Club developed over the years with Netball and Cricket teams making it a true recreation club. The Club has undergone name changes from Dundas United Soccer Club to Dundas United Junior Soccer and Recreation Club to Dundas United Recreation Club and recently to include incorporation. Dundas United also has a Latin Club motto FACTA NON VERBA that translates in English to DEEDS NOT WORDS.

The above are some of my recollections of Dundas United from when I started playing with the club in 1958. It is not a full history of the Club but rather a welcome introduction to our new people to one of the most respected Clubs in the Granville Association.

From meagre beginnings in 1958, our numbers have grown to 31 Soccer, 21 Netball and 10 Cricket teams in 1999.



Dundas vs St John's



Ermington United Soccer Club

1959-2002

The Ermington United Soccer Club commenced with two school teams in 1959 from Rydalmere East Public School. It began due to interest by parents and children that attended that school.

1963 – joined Gladesville, Hornsby Association because Granville were not interested in us having only 2 teams.

1964 – Club grew to 7/8 teams. Games were played at Cowles Lane, Ermington and Granville gave notice of impending request to play in their Association.

1965 - Granville granted permission for Ermington to still play in Gladesville, mini field in 1996.

Ermington has won Club of the Year 4 times in its short history.

Our U/18's were runners up in the State Cup in 1999.

Our club colours have always been Red shirts and White shorts. Our alternate strip is Yellow shirt with White shorts.

Our club is rapidly expanding at approximately 30% each year. We have included a ladies team again this year and it is proving to be very popular.

We are a Recreation Club as we also have Tennis and Netball affiliated with us. When the club began we also ran Little Athletics, Aussie Rules, Football and Cricket.

PRESENTATION OF THE NOTTINGHAM FOREST SHIELD. The Nottingham Forest Soccer Club is well known throughout the Soccer world and presented a shield to the Ermington United Sports & Recreation Club. This shield is a replica of Nottingham Forest's Shield and is usually only presented to clubs of International standing in Europe when they may have been visiting.

Interest was shown in our local club when it was learned that the Ermington United Sports Club played in the same colours (red & White) as Nottingham Forest. It was thought that the shield would prove an acceptable manner in which to engender the young club with an appreciation of the game and traditions of Soccer Football. This shield is to be presented annually to the team that gains the most points within the club.



Ermington vs Lidcombe



Granville Under 14 Rep girls - 2002



Granville Under 16 Rep girls - 2002

Granville Kewpies Soccer Club

1918 –2002

When the Hudson Brothers established an engineering works at Granville for the purpose of building locomotives, carriages and wagons with the attendant necessities for the new railway that had just been opened between Sydney and Parramatta, they not only laid the foundations of an engineering history but also the foundations of sport in the district and of soccer in particular.

The scarcity of skilled labour in the colony compelled the Hudson Brothers to seek trades people from the British Isles. These mechanics, as the fitters, turners, boilermakers and machinists were then called were mostly metal workers who had been elevated from the ranks of the old blacksmiths and moulding trades. Being mostly from British stock these mechanics were great followers of the round ball game of soccer as the abbreviation of Association Football had become known.

It was from these early engineering migrants that the first Granville Soccer Club later to be known as the Granville Magpies was formed in the early 1880's. When sons and nephews of these early migrants were old enough to work many of them became apprentices at the Hudson Brothers works or as it had now been named the Clyde Works. These young apprentices were also lovers of the round ball game and would occupy their lunch hour spare time kicking a ball around the oval that the firm had built at the southern end of the factory in Sixth street.

This oval was later built on to accommodate the Battery Plant at Clyde. In those early days it was used for the recreation of the employees and their families. Each year the Clyde Works picnic would be held there with sports competitions and entertainment for the men and their families. Not content with their midday games the young apprentices decided to form a soccer club to play in the all age division of the Granville and District Association.

Meeting one Sunday morning at the home of Arthur Howes in Stuart Street near Lisgar Street, they proposed that a soccer club be formed and entered in the all age division of the Granville and District Soccer competition. Having accepted the proposal this first committee had now to find a name for the new club. Two names were proposed first the Park Hill Rangers and number two the Granville Kewpie Soccer Football Club. The first name was proposed because that part of Granville around excelsior, Lisgar, Lackey and Park streets was then known as Park Hill. Due to the excitement and patriotism that prevailed at the time with the returning men coming home after years away the name of Kewpie was accepted for the new club. The team was entered into the all age division of the Granville and District competition and played against such teams as the Granville Rechabites, Two Blues, Auburn Federals, Auburn District, Parramatta Ki-ora, Carlingford and Dundas.

In the second year of existence (1920) the club entered an under 18 team in the junior division of the competition. The members of this team contained names that are well remembered in the Football world. Names like Frank Garside (senior), Stan Tillman, Frank Goldthorp, Henry Norford, Eric Taylor, Bill Carpenter, Jock Howes, Tom Ritchie, Bill McMurtie, Fred Beames, Howard Roper and Titch Springall.

Other teams in this competition were Granville Rechabites, Granville Shamrocks, Auburn Starlights, Auburn District, Carlingford, Dundas and Granville Waraths. The last named is not the present Waratah team but a team that came from the Pitt Row

area. Pitt Row in those days was known as Irish Town. 1920 also saw the club elect it's first official President – Harry Norford, and it's first official Secretary Treasurer – Jim Craig.

The Kewpie Club's first win came in 1922 when the all age team won the Challenge Shield, a trophy presented to the Granville District Association for competition between the all age teams. This shield was also won in 1927. In 1921 the club fielded three teams, under 16, under 18 and an all age team. In 1924 the all age team won the Cottam Cup – a knock out competition for all age teams. This cup was retained in the 1925 season but was lost in 1926 until 1930 and was won again in 1941 and 1949. In 1927 and 1929 the under 16 team won the Argus Challenge Cup.

From these early teams a lot of good players found their way into other clubs and the Granville Kewpies were second only to the famous Granville Magpies in prestige. In fact the Granville Magpies got a lot of their players from the ranks of the Kewpies. The next phase of our history brings us forward to the 1930's when the Kewpie Club acquired the services of an International coach in the person of Bob Henderson, a brother of the famous Andy Henderson a name that is a byword in the history of soccer in Granville. Andy captained the Australian eleven against the Chinese team that came out here in 1924.

In securing the services of Bob Henderson the Kewpie Club created history, as Bob was a disciple of the third back game or as it became known then the spotting centre half. Therefore the Kewpie Club can lay claim to being the first club in the district to play the third back game.

Names that come to mind when one talks of the Kewpie teams of the 1930's, names that learned their football with the Kewpie's then went on to first grade status and played with teams like Metters, Granville, Leichhardt, and some even reaching International standard were Matt McGillivray (the Red Terror as he became known because of his crop of flaming red hair), Billy Adamson, Jim Crelly, Micky Adams who kept goals for Australia, Ken Vairey, Bill Campbell, Bill Kirkwood and Ray Marshall.

The era between 1930 and 1940 was one of the most successful periods of the club's history. The all age team won the Cottam Cup, the under 16 team won the Argus Challenge Cup in 1930 and again in 1934, 1935 and 1939 and the club won the Brett Cup in 1939. The all age team won the GDFA Challenge Shield in the years 1934, 1935 and 1939. Although this was a very meritorious effort, great glory was won when the all age team after being runners up to Granville Magpies in the 1936 Southern League of the Sydney and District Cup, went on to win the trophy in both 1937 and 1938.

The teams that contested this competition were Granville Magpies, Goodyear, Balmain, Annandale-Leichhardt, Gladesville-Ryde, Metters, Woonona-Buli and teams that had no first grade teams but entered teams were Rockdale Scottish and the Granville Kewpies. After such a good record and the club starting to reach it's full potential it was a pity to see it withdraw from this competition, but 1939 saw the outbreak of the Second World War and the Kewpie Club like many others suffered the loss of many of it's young men in the call to arms. Ken Miller, Cec Willicks, Alex Craig, Harry Vairey were just some who answered the call and Ken Miller was one who paid the supreme sacrifice as he lost his life when the Sydney was sunk by a German raider on the west coast of Australia.

One feat that does need mentioning was that of Jack Croft who trained and managed the under 12 years and took them right through the age groups to the under 21 years undefeated. When the Kewpie club withdrew its all age team from the Southern League through lack of man power many of its young players were signed up to other first grade teams. Granville Magpies, Auburn, also Metters were quick to take advantage of this and many of the Kewpies good players like Jack Sedgewick, Bobby Lee, Bobby Fisher, Jake and Bob McKenzie, Ray Marshall, George Saunders, Eric Hulme, Alan and Frank Garside, Des Barker, Andy Henderson, Kan Hawkins, Colin Bainbridge, Eric Wallace, Bobby Hall, Arch McAllister, Kan Vairey, Ken Wardman, Alan Roby and Ronnie Hopkins all found their way into first grade football. All these players learned their football skills from good coaches and managers such as Jade Croft, Harold Smith, Jim Thorley and J. McDonald.

Among the players mentioned above Ray Marshall, George Saunders and Eric Hulme all reached International standard, the last two touring South Africa.

The Granville Kewpies Soccer Football Club would be one of the oldest soccer football clubs still in existence in the state of New South Wales.



Granville Kewpies under 12's

Granville Waratah Soccer Club

1930 - 2002

The club was originally located in Bruntons Park which is where the current Granville RSL building is located. It is unknown how long they played there but they later moved to Robin Thomas Reserve.

Records reveal that the playing fees that players paid in 1973 were as follows,

Under 6 to under 15 registration fee was 50 cents.

Under 16 rego fee was 60 cents.

Under 21 to All age was \$1.00

Apart from paying the registration fees the players had to pay the following amount each Saturday prior to the game as some of the money had to be paid to the Referee for his fee.

Under 6 had to pay 30 cents.

Under 13 to under 16 had to pay 40 cents.

Under 21 to All age had to pay 70 cents.

Records obtained from 1973 revealed that there was a club in the Association called Parramatta RSL & that it use to play its home games at a soccer field located at Rydalmere Psychiatric Centre, corner of Victoria Rd. & James Ruse Drive. During a game between Granville Waratah & Parramatta RSL a patient from the psychiatric centre ran onto the field and attacked a Granville Waratah player. As a result Parramatta RSL relocated their home games to Barton Park, North Parramatta.

Granville Waratah was strong in the 1960s & 70's & had approximately 35 teams.

They use to have gala days where the entire club would travel one year to Warilla. This club use to travel to Granville Waratahs game and the traveling use to be done by bus. Warilla had a lot of Spanish people who played and they also had a ladies team that use to play a Granville team made up from the mothers & girlfriends.

Waratah also use to travel to Cardiff every second year for gala days & they use to travel by steam train.

Waratah use to have some very good players namely, Kevin Cage, Paul Stokes & Rossy Sanders & these were signed up by a First Division team called Prague. These players also wanted to play with their mates at Waratah on certain days & were not allowed. The players appealed this decision to the Federation & the players won.

During the 60's there was no canteen, no change room or hot showers. Waratahs use to erect a tent & a cord was run from an old shed on the ground & this was used to boil hot water.

Waratah's used to have another full size & smaller field located at the southern end of Robin Thomas Reserve near Hambeldon Cottage. Robin Thomas is located on Harris St. Hassall Street is located near the southwestern corner of the park. Hassall St. used to run directly behind Robin Thomas Reserve directly near where the skateboard ramp is located. Parramatta Council in the later 70's early 80's thought it was dangerous for the road to be located behind Robin Thomas as the soccer & cricket balls went onto the roadway & the players would follows. Hassall St. that use to run directly behind

Robin Thomas now is a sweeping road about 100 metres south of Robin Thomas & is now called Parkes Street.

As indicated earlier Waratah use to have a full field & a smaller field. These were located near Hambeldon Cottage near the famous big tree. When the new road went in these fields were closed down.

The colours of Waratahs have always been blue & gold stripe shirts with the same coloured socks. During the years the shorts have been either blue or white, with the blue shorts preferred as they had a gold stripe down the side.

Fundraising was regularly conducted by way of raffles. These included chook raffles that were held at 'Bretts's' hotel also known as the Rosehill Hotel situated on the corner of Parramatta Rd. Granville adjacent to Garside Park.

The Albion Hotel located near Robin Thomas Reserve was a major supporter of senior teams over the years. Some of the publics have been Brian Hambley who played rugby league for Parramatta & Australia.

Brian Guy who was well known for training racehorses at Rosehill use to play as well as coach junior teams with the Club.

Waratahs had a close association with members of the horse racing fraternity. Popular jockeys such as Jim Cassidy & Mark De Monfort use to train with the Under 21 team on a regular basis. Most of the time touch football would be played. Some of the club presentation days were held at Rosehill Racecourse when there was no racing. Other presentation days were held at Warragamba or Cataract Dams.

Training of the players was regularly conducted on Friday afternoons, as this was when some of the fathers worked only half a day & therefore had time to teach the kids. Some of the fathers would be at Robin Thomas at 6.30am on Saturday mornings to mark the fields & also attend the Rosehill Pie factory in Eleanor St. in order to acquire the broken pies & sell them at the Tent.

Photo of 'Frank Dixon Pavilion' Robin Thomas Reserve was taken in 1979 at a presentation day, photo depicts Under 10/4 receiving their awards. Coaches were Brian Guy & Neil Sutherland.

In the 1960's club meetings use to be held at Stan Fullers garage who lived opposite Granville Pool in Diamond Ave. The meetings had to be finished by 9pm as the members used to adjourn to the nearby Granville RSL for a nightcap. The rule of the RSL was that Club members & visitors could not be admitted after 9pm so the meetings had to start a little early.



Granville Waratah vs Kellyville



Granville Waratah vs Holroyd



Greystanes Soccer Club

1971-2002

Greystanes Soccer Club was formed when it was realised that the area was growing rapidly and was big enough to have it's own soccer club.

The first meeting was held in the lounge room of the Burchall's home. Four men; Les Owen, Ken Burchall, John Overton, and Ray Turvey taking on positions that best suited their own capabilities.

Their work began immediately with making contact with the then local ward Alderman, Graham Cullis, who made representation to Council on their behalf and eventually was able to get Council to grant them the use of Orange Street Park, as it was then known. There followed hours of interviews, contacts and inquiries. A Constitution was drawn up, as was the club's Standing Rules. Orange Street Park was a mound with a set of goal posts on it (top level). The remainder of it was a wilderness of blackberry bushes and the northern end of the top field contained the remains of a disused chicken farm. So dense was the scrub that the first season was half way through before the children discovered and old truck in it.

The four men set up a 3 year plan. Registration fees were set at \$1 per player (match fees 20c) and their first registration day brought in the money they required to open a bank account. They had each planned to kick in ¼ of what was required to set up the club, but this was not needed. Through the kind indulgence of suppliers, they were able to order shirts and equipment on credit and the co-operation they received from the Association President and Secretary enabled them to field 12 teams in their first season 1971.

Registrations were taken in a 6 x 4 tent, which later became the canteen for that year. By the end of the first season they were able to pay all their bills, pay half the cost of a canteen (now used as a storeroom), outfit their 3 winning teams in club jackets and present all trophies, including a foundation year trophy to each player. They also had enough money to look forward to the 2nd season without credit.

By the end of the three years, the lower ground had been cleared and was usable, Daniel Street park was being cleared and they applied for the use of that, the club paid the full cost of the fence surrounding the amenities, after "the shack" was delivered. This building was an old building with a kitchen, three printing rooms and a hall. It had holes in the outside walls and holes in the floors where machines had been. It was a voluntary effort by members of the club, which ripped out walls, mended holes in floors and strengthened the roof of the building. By then there were new residents in Ballina Street and they were not very happy at the sight of the new building but soon quietened when Council had it brick-faced and the club paid for it to be painted. The first pair of lights were erected by then also for night training.

Later the chicken farm was cleared and the shops and parking area we now know were being used. The top field was then leveled and much later, a new canteen was added to the northern end of the building. Further lighting was installed and Daniel Street Park also had lighting installed. By this stage (in 1980), the club had 56 teams registered.

By the mid 1980's, the club had 29 teams registered in the Granville Competition, and with the success being achieved both on and off the field, further expansion to the Ground's development was needed. The "old shack" was becoming outdated and the

need for a new amenity building would service the needs for our continually growing club.

Through the strong financial state the club and the major influence of our president Peter Horvarth (1986), a grant was obtained from the department of Sport and Recreation, and after successful lobbying the Alderman on the Local Council, the Amenities block now in use was built in between the two fields where the old hill used to be. Having senior teams play in the Federation League that year (1986) the club was deserving of having amenities of good standard, and this was a reflection of the of where the Club was heading. On the 18th August 1991, Alderman R.N. Downing officially opened the new amenity block, which included two big dressing rooms, a large canteen, toilets and storage rooms.

The turn of the 'nineties' saw the club enter a new successful period. In 1990, the club applied for re-entry into the Federation League, and after a Premier League, was admitted into Federation 6. No-one expected that team would do so well as to win it's first season (1991), however they did just that and were promoted into Division 5 for the next season (1992).

Having senior teams play in the NSW Federation League at the high division that they are, with the rise in to the Division Two competition next season, shows that our club has been very successful. This is especially the case when you see that most of the players in the Federation squad have come up through the juniors of the Club. This success has come from the hard work of a lot of dedicated people, from the committee right down to the players and with the continued efforts of all involved with the Club, the future looks very prosperous.



Greystanes vs Merrylands



Guildford County Soccer & Recreation Club

1928-2002

In 1928 Rev. Fisher, minister of Guildford Congregational Church approached Mr W Short to help with a cricket team at the Sunday school picnic. A cricket team was formed and entered in the PCSFA. Around the same time, Mr Quimby approached Mr Short to attend a meeting in view of starting a soccer team. A club was formed with 1 senior team called Guildford Congs.

In 1930 Fred 'Pop' Burchill had a fruit truck and helped get gear and players to grounds for matches and C. Burchill gave W. Short an upmobile car which he then converted into a utility and also helped with transport.

By 1932 Mr F Quimby and Mr S Knowles formed the Guildford Wanderers from players originally with the 'Cong's'. Guildford Wanderers played at Bells Paddock in Mountford Avenue in Guildford. The club affiliated with the Southern Districts Association entering 2 teams both in the same division. The B team won the competition that year.

In 1937 we became affiliated with Granville District and moved to Guildford Park, which is to this day our home ground. Due to the war we went into recessional during 1939-1942 and reformed in 1943 with 2 teams.

The following years have seen:

- 1945 Won Granville all age competition and promoted to Metropolitan League
- 1948 Won Metro League First Division and Knock Out Cup
- 1951 Guildford Park consisted of 1 playing field, fields 2 & 3 as they are today were swampland
- 1955 Guildford won the Southern League Competition
- 1959 Relagated to 3rd division
- 1960 Relegated to District all age
- 1962 The clubhouse was relocated to its present site after being donated by Guildford Bowling Club. Originally located near the overhead bridge/railway line it was dismantled by hand and rebuilt
- 1964 U/16 won nighttime Knock Out competition, played representative for Granville Districts and were invited to play the Australian/Russian Dynamo games
- 1966 Won all age competition and joined Federation 3rd Division Amateur Division
- 1967 Club in 2nd division Amateur division
- 1969 Promoted to 1st division Amateur Division
- 1970 Biggest club in area, operating 36 competition teams in Federation & Association competition
- 1972 Club promoted to 2nd division Semi-Professional
- 1975 Won 1st division Amateur League Challenge Cup defeating Maccabi 1-0
- 1979 Won 2nd division 2nd grade Federation Grand Final defeating Gladesville 3-2

- 1980 Guildford Wanderers merged with Prospect County. As a result of this merger we became Guildford County, as we are known today. 2nd Division Federation Minor Premiers.
- 1981 Promoted to 1st division Federation
- 1982 Due to insufficient funds dropped from Federation
- 1983 Won Sydney 1st Division Amateur League Cup
- 1987 Won the Cottam Cup defeating St John's 2-1
- 1989 1st and 2nd Division Sydney Amateur League Premiers and Club Amateur League Champions
- 1994 Over 35 Inaugural Grand Champions
- 1995 Jack Curnow won Laurie Ferguson Trophy for 41 years of service
- 1995 Jack South awarded Life Membership
- 1996 Over 35'B and U/16'2 Grand Champions
- 1997 U/9'3 and U/11'3 Grand Champions
- 1999 U/10'4, U/11'4 and U/14'2 Grand Champions
- 1999 Peter Hession awarded Life Membership
- 2000 Snr. 2 Grand Champions

The 90's have seen Guildford County grow steadily with 2001 having a total of 34 teams including a U/16 girl's side.



Guildford vs Kellyville



Hills Independent Ladies Team



Granville Youth Team 1982

Thistle Cup

This knockout competition for U/14 year olds was first played in 1985, to complement the senior knockout competition (Cottam Cup). It was felt at this time that young players in this age group would benefit greatly from the experience of knockout soccer.

These are the winners of the Thistle Cup throughout the years:

1985	Auburn District	1994	Greystanes
1986	Merrylands SFC	1995	Winston Hills
1987	Greystanes	1996	Castle Hill RSL
1988	Baulkham Hills	1997	Dundas United
1989	Not Played (Season washed out)	1998	Not Played
1990	Greystanes	1999	Pendle Hill
1991	Pendle Hill	2000	Parramatta Eagles
1992	Greystanes	2001	
1993	Castle Hill United	2002	Pendle Hill



Thistle Cup winners Pendle Hill U/14's – 2002



Merrylands Soccer Football Club Gala Day Winners
On right Simon Micallef ex Granville referee/Olympic referee



Winston Hills - Winners Presidents Cup 2002



Brumbies vs Wentworthville Waratah

Holroyd Rangers Soccer Club

1966-2002

Formed in the mid sixties, the club has undergone three name changes, four home grounds, four different uniforms, one season with a different association, and survived two near collapses to emerge in 2002 stronger than ever.

In 1966 the club was formed through the local “scout” movement under the name “Guildford Cubs”. Playing at the association’s grounds at Auburn the club had two teams – under 10’s and under 11’s. The new clubs uniform was based on the scout movement’s colours of green and gold, and consisted of a yellow T-shirt with green stripe down one side, green shorts and white socks.

In 1967 the club grew to five teams after a constitutional change opened membership to people from outside the scout movement, and Ray Marshall Reserve at South Granville became the home ground.

A year later the club registered it’s first senior team. This initiated a name change, as the seniors were reluctant to play under the name “cubs”. So Cubs made way for the more senior “Rangers”, maintaining the link with the scout movement but giving the seniors a moniker they could live with. The first uniform change also happened this year with a move to green shirts, white shorts and green socks.

1969 saw another home ground change with a move to a park on Pitt Street Merrylands. This was a temporary home whilst the club’s new grounds were being built at Foray Street Guildford West. The park on Pitt Street had no lights so training was held at Tom Uren Park at Guildford West, now home to Greystanes Churches Soccer Club.

The club’s new home, known as West Guildford Sports Ground, was opened in 1970 and that year saw another name change. Ready to enter a team in the “Federation” competition the club had to choose another name as there was already a Guildford side playing in the comp – Guildford County. The name Holroyd was chosen with the “Rangers” title maintained and the club became known as Holroyd Rangers Soccer and Recreation Club, reflecting the club’s involvement in other sports, particularly netball and cricket, which began at this time.

Throughout the remainder of the seventies the club continued to grow and achieve mixed success. Like all small clubs it was difficult to field teams in the higher divisions and so the better players would leave for greener pastures with clubs who could offer first division sides. The senior squads remained strong however with many players returning to play their adult years with their childhood club.

By the mid eighties however the club’s numbers had started to decline and in 1986 the club reached a crisis when it couldn’t field enough sides to continue it’s affiliation with Granville Association. The committee instead of seeking special consideration from GDSFA decided to affiliate with Southern Districts Association and the move away from Granville nearly finished the club. Fortunately the re-affiliated with Granville the following year and the club started a period of rebuilding.

Throughout the eighties and early nineties the club had persisted with uniforms that were variations of the green shirt/white shorts combination but in 1995 a new committee decided a new look was in order and a uniform with a predominantly white shirt/ green shorts/ white socks was adopted.

The next few years were particularly unstable for the club, with a constantly changing committee, the departure in 1996 of founding President, Trevor South, and the near collapse of the club at the end of 1998 when almost the entire committee moved on.

Amid rumour of the clubs demise at the start of the 1999 season, life member and club legend John Holland, along with some of the coaches from the previous year got together and ensured the Rangers would continue. In a show of great faith in this new, young committee, John and his wife Greta made the decision to retire from their beloved club and move to the Central Coast at the end of the '99 season. They were deservedly recognised for their outstanding contribution to football with the Association's club person of the year award in 1999.

In 2001 the club has enjoyed arguably its best season ever. With more teams than ever before, (16) including a ladies squad for the first time, an new modern uniform that still manages to respect the club's traditional green and gold colours, and a committee determined to make the club a leading force in local football, Holroyd Rangers is alive and kicking.



Junior League - Granville vs Bankstown

Kellyville Soccer Club

1977-2002

Kellyville Soccer Club is having a Birthday – a 25th Birthday. The Soccer Club was a division of the Kellyville Sports and Recreation Club, which was formed after a series of meetings in 1977.

Councilor Les Shore held a public meeting on the 17th August and following the response of that first meeting where the community supported the idea and need of sporting facilities and a sporting club. A second meeting was held at Kellyville Pre-school on the 22nd August where the name Kellyville Sports and Recreation Club was moved and accepted and an interim committee was elected to survey the districts sporting needs and interests.

The inaugural annual general meeting was held at the Memorial Hall corner of Windsor Road and Memorial Road, Kellyville on the 11th October 1977. 43 community attended the meeting and sports minded people including two councilors, Les Shore, later to become first club patron, representing 'A' riding and present Mayor, John Griffiths, whom later became soccer club president for two years. The first president of the Kellyville Sports and Recreation Club was Geoff Cooper and the Soccer Division Convenor was Les Ferenz. The first meeting of the Soccer Club was held in January 1978 where a committee was formed with Les Ferenz as President, Gay Codd as Secretary and Kevin Apps as Treasurer. Peter Willis was Registrar and still is today!

The club had immediate success in winning the Granville District 1978 Champion club. The award had been given since 1965 and Kellyville was the first club to win this award in its first year of competition. The club had eight teams between under 6 and under 12 years of age, and one old buffers team (not registered with Granville).

The club has gone from strength to strength with players, committees and parents sharing all the highs and lows of team sport.

In the mid 1970's Kellyville Park was upgraded from a slopping paddock into a leveled playing area but as the president of the park trust Stan Pritchard said in 1977 "The fields are used by outside sporting bodies only. The front field for competition Cricket and Football practice and the back fields for Hockey".

In the 1st season in 1978 Kellyville Park was shared with a Hockey Club from outside the district so only one field was used for soccer.

The Soccer Clubs have now used Field One and Two for the last 24 years but this season may well be the last as council has designated new grounds at Marella Reserve, Kellyville with upgraded playing surfaces and new canteen and change rooms.

Training conditions were difficult back in the first season as no flood-lighting was available at the grounds resulting in coaches and parents turning on car headlights to light up the goal area to enable the players to practice. In the second year a single floodlight was supplied and installed by Kevin Apps, this floodlight is still in use and stands at the corner of the canteen.

The name Kolts came as a result of a competition amongst club members and players in 1982, with John Thorn's wife, Lee and son Gray, (under 6 player), winning the

competition. Rohan Healy (under 8 player) came close but he couldn't spell Kolts with a "K"!

Our first club coach was David Candy from 1978 to 1985. He also served as club delegate to Granville Association, Recorder and Grounds Manager over the years. The second club coach was Keith Healy who introduced players and coaches to the most up-to-date methods of play and coaching techniques.

The Kellyville Sports and Recreation Club had six divisions – Soccer, Tennis, Cricket, Athletics, Netball and Pony Riding. Each division did considerably well but the Soccer grew quickly and in the early 1980's decided to stand-alone. The club had over fifteen teams and a strong desire to control it's own purse strings and destiny.

By 1982 the club boasted almost two teams in all junior grades up to under fourteen's and was home to the all age "Unquenchables". This team of oldies, many of whom had never kicked a soccer ball before, became the backbone of the club. Mostly fathers of young players who also doubled as Committeemen and as Coaches. From this team came Club President Graham Bradley and Pat Byrne, Vice President Jimmy Campbell, long serving Registrar and Referee Peter Willis, Publicity Officer Tony Kitto who gave us many laughs with his weekly results magazine and "Animal Paws (pause)" social comments. John Thorn coached, Andrew Jamieson and Bob Gooch coached and were always vocal as Committeemen and Managers, Peter Ashton as Groundsman and the Hurst boys as Canteen Assistants.

These Kellyville die-hards were blessed with understanding wives who were also bitten by the Soccer bug. Social Committees, Club Secretary, Treasury and Canteen management was their specialty, but all these fine ladies had plenty to say about their husband's performances on the Soccer Field and at the Match Post Mortem. (Cask wine was popular in the eighties!).

The Junior teams caught the infectious spirit of the "Unquenchables" and with great enthusiasm played to the best of their ability many winning competitions and the division one teams representing Granville in the Champion of Champions Competitions.

The club's policy has always focused on enjoyment from participating in competitive sport rather than winning at any cost and here's a story of coach, Gary Werner to show the point.

His little under eight side had been badly beaten and on top of that he had a huge problem with most of the team bursting into tears. He told the boys not to worry and that if they ever won a game he would shout them all McDonalds. Needless to say they didn't loose another game!

The Kellyville Club has had several ladies all age teams over the years and encourages young girls to play the game.

Our club colours have always been Red and Black but in 1997 white trims were added because the original shirts had white large numbers and white trim on the club badges.

The club has honored many long serving officials with Life Memberships. Tony Kitto, Dianne Atkins, Graham & Rhonda Howard, Geoff & Cheryl Elliot, Ernie Clarke, Jake Sicra, Bob Gooch, Allan Cooper and Peter Willis. The club awards players with trophies annually and with special badges for every five years of service.

Many junior players have represented Granville at Junior League and Youth League levels. The club has produced players such as Pat Strongquist, Rohan Healy, Derrick Taylor, Arron, Carson, Kyle and Hayden Cooper who have played at State League Clubs, mainly at Blacktown City Demons. Chris Bradley has played in German and Canadian professional Leagues. Michael Prentice is presently playing for Newcastle in Australia's National League. Greg Byrne has played in the English 3rd division league.

In 1980 the club fielded its first team in all age division one. This team comprised mostly ex-grade players from Ermington United and Gladesville Ravens who had settled with their new families in the Hills area. Nine of these experienced players became Junior Coaches, most coaching their son's team. In 1983 they won the inaugural premier league challenge shield. This magnificent shield in its great glass case, dating back to 1901, was presented to our team at our Annual Red and Black night end of season function. Little did we know it would take another eleven years before we would win the shield again! Most of the players coming from Junior ranks and some being the sons of the 83 team members - and win it back they did, under Coaches Pat Byrne and Stuart Gibson, three years in a row from 1994 to 1996.

Peter Dunn launched the club into Federation Division Five football with great success and under his leadership has seen the club win promotion each year and has opened the door for our own junior players to develop their Soccer skills and play at a high level without having to leave the club to achieve their goals.



Kellyville vs St Johns



Granville Reps – 1970



The yarns they spin.....

Whilst researching the history of soccer in the Granville District Soccer Association, we had the pleasure of talking, discussing and reminiscing with many senior people, the ladies and gentlemen who were instrumental in starting or running the clubs in the early days.

All of the people were genuine, salt of the earth people who would do anything to ensure the kids got a game of soccer.

One of the gentlemen who met the above criteria was Joe Grubba. When you meet Joe, he looks you straight in the eye, shakes your hand with the strength of a man half his age and you quickly learn this man is a real decent bloke.

Joe Grubba first had the opportunity to play soccer when he was in 5th class at Merrylands West Public School and for 2 years their under 11 team was undefeated. In 1937 –1938 every boy played barefooted bar the 2 Fitton boys, they had shoes with leather bars on them. Never did he realise that this was to shape the next 50 years of his life!

He can tell you the stories of how he went on to play for Auburn Soccer Club, playing the top soccer in NSW. Many a person will tell you he was quite a player in his day. Joe could not afford a car back then as he was building his house, so to get to his game at Mona Park he would have to walk from Merrylands to Auburn pushing his 2 children in their stroller, play 90 minutes of soccer, have a cold shower and walk back home again.

Joe went on to coach Merrylands Two Blues in the Metropolitan League when he had the misfortune of having his cartilage out in 1958. He then formed a junior club naming it “Merrylands Soccer Football Club” and keeping the local colours of red and green. He then moved on to Merrylands RSL to coach boxing and in 1964 was asked if he would start the soccer up there so he accepted the challenge as Joe would. The love of his Merrylands SFC drew him back when he once again started the club, this time with the help of his family in 1972.

Then there is the story John Nicholson loves to tell you of when he was playing with Merrylands Two Blues back in the early 50’s there was a game to be played at Goulburn and as hardly anyone had a car and the parents rarely went to the games the whole team had to pile into 1 car to get to Goulburn! Yes, that’s right 11 boys, the coach and his helper (who wasn’t really the coach as they did not have one, the boys used to practice in the park every afternoon after school – that was training!)



1940 Magpies



Granville Reps 1980

Lidcombe Waratah Junior Football Soccer Club

1938 -2002

In the late 1930's and prior to the Second World War, there were already three junior soccer Clubs in existence in the Lidcombe area. One, the Lidcombe Juniors Soccer Club was started, organised and on occasions financed by the late Alf Ashford, a bachelor of East Street, Lidcombe, with teams fielded in the Granville Districts' Soccer Football Association – known as the GDFSFA. Two others, the Berala-Lidcombe Presbyterian Soccer Club, and the Lidcombe Congregational Soccer Club Soccer Club were both fielding teams in the Protestant Churches Football Association, and known locally as the “Liddy” Pres and “Liddy” Congs respectively.

Lidcombe juniors played their games on Lidcombe Park, which was later, renamed Coleman Park in the late 1940's after the late Alderman John Jospeh “Joe”. He was born at Serpentine, in Victoria and later became the Police Sergeant at the Lidcombe Precinct. The other two Clubs played their games outside Lidcombe Oval on Wyatt Park, so named after the late Alderman Edward Norman “Norm” Wyatt.

The colours of the three Clubs were:

Lidcombe juniors: green and gold quarters

Liddy Pres: all red

Liddy Congs: yellow and blue halves all with white shorts

With the onset of the war, and the difficulty of obtaining people to assist with the teams, Alf Ashford was invited to combine the Lidcombe Juniors with the Liddy Pres Club in 1941.

In that year the combined Lidcombe Juniors – Lidcombe Pres Under 14 team the youngest age group at that time in the Churches competition won the Premiership. The team was captained by Morris “Mo” Parry, who later participated fully in district sporting activities and after whom the memorial gates at Mona Park football ground were dedicated, following his untimely death from Leukemia in 1957 at the age of 29. The memorial plaque inscription reads “a true sportsman”.

The combined Clubs continued during the war years, and up until 1947 when Under 18 age players from the Liddy Congs Club came over to the Lidcombe Juniors – Liddy Pres Club was to make up a combined team, and one the Churches competition that year. Wishing to “go it alone” that team in 1948 left the combined Club and formed a new Club called the Lidcombe Dynamos, so named after the famous Moscow

Dynamos team which had created tremendous excitement in the months before when they hit the world soccer scene by defeating many of the most fashionable English Clubs during the 1947/48 soccer season in Europe.

They played in the Canterbury Districts' Football Association Under 21 competition, playing at Phillip Park, Lidcombe in all-red colours similar to the Dynamos team. After only one season at Canterbury the new Club changed its name in 1949 to the Lidcombe Waratah Soccer Club and commenced fielding junior team in the GDFSFA. Under 14 and Under 16 age group competitions in addition to an all age team. Under 14 team won the Premiership that season. The teams played at Phillip Park and at this stage the Lidcombe Club colours became more clearly established as red and white arms. The first senior Club constitution was established in 1948.

The Club became affiliated with the Auburn Combined Sports Committee in 1949, and since that time, delegates representing the Club have attended their Committee meetings on a regular basis.

In 1950 the Club fielded an all age team in the metropolitan league second division.

The Local Council provided a tin shed change room on the No. 1 field in 1952, but this proved most unsatisfactory and was later demolished. With the erection of a new wooden building which was designed, financed and constructed by Club members on the No. 1 field in 1956. This new Clubhouse incorporated change rooms, cold water showers and lighting facilities. The wooden building remained for some considerable time after a new brick amenities building was erected on the No. 1 field, and subsequently demolished in the late 1980's.

The Club expanded in 1953 with promotion to the Metropolitan League First Division competition, with a new Second Division team also being fielded and that year also saw the formation of the first Social Committee.

An amalgamation with the Clyde Engineering Soccer Club took place in 1958, and under the name Lidcombe-Clyde Soccer Club fielded two teams in the Second Division of the newly established New South Wales Soccer Federation, which superseded the New South Wales Soccer Association. Also, an all age and an Under 16 age group team were fielded in the GDFSFA that year. The Federation teams, played on the Mona Park enclosed ground and the others played at Coleman Park.

The two Club amalgamation strengthened the playing capacity immensely, but unfortunately over several years players drifted to other Clubs with the standard of playing falling to such an extent that the Club was relegated to the Federation Third Division.

In 1960 those members of the all age team in the GDFSFA decided to form their own Club, calling it the Lidcombe Waratah Soccer Club. At the same time the Lidcombe-Clyde Club renamed themselves the Lidcombe Soccer Club.

In 1963 they entered the New South Wales Amateur League, changed the name to Lidcombe Soccer Football Club and again in 1972 to the Lidcombe District Soccer Club, and ultimately disbanded in the late 1970's. The Lidcombe Waratah Soccer Club continued on and in 1961 registered its first Junior Team in the GDSFA Under 10 age competition being the undefeated team that season, and for the next three years were the undefeated Grand Champions.

Cecil McAlister and his wife Jean designed and produced the new Club team strip of red and white, and provided the team with white and red hooped socks.

In 1962, the Club registered another under 10 team and also introduced an under 8 team in 1963, to those already existing. In 1963, the first ladies auxiliary was formed with Florence “Flo” Read as President.

In 1965, the Club name was changed to the Lidcombe Waratah Junior Soccer Club, and also in that year the club’s first governing Constitution and By-laws were introduced.

The first Junior Club badge with the central red Waratah on a white soccer ball motif was introduced in 1966.

On 20 July, 1971 the Club accepted occupancy of the newly erected brick amenities building, with canteen facilities on the No. 2 field from the Local Council, and also from that date the No. 2 field became the Club’s second home ground in addition to the No. 1.

On 29 May 1972 floodlighting on new steel standards was provided for evening activities for both the No. 1 and No. 2 fields.

To cater for an anticipated increase in sporting activities other than Soccer in the local district, the Club name was changed to the Lidcombe Waratah Junior Soccer, Football and Recreation Club. On 25 November 1977 however this did not eventuate and on 4 August 1985 the name reverted to the previous title.

The first ladies team was registered in 1979 and performed very well.

From 1962 a gradual increase in junior teams that on occasion have included young females, has occurred in nearly GDSFA division, with progression to the Premier and all age teams and to another ladies team in 1992.

The Club conducts yearly Gala Day-Knockout competitions in the Under 7, Under 8 and under 9 divisions, which is open to any Club wishing to participate.

Club colours have changed on occasion over the years however, the accepted “Red Devils” strip of red shirts with red trim, red shorts and red socks with white turnover as registered with the GDSFA, is now the regulation Club player colours.

Our success has continued and was proven when named GDSFA 2001 Club Champions.



Lidcombe vs Baulkham Hills



Wentworthville vs Lidcombe



Merrylands Soccer Football Club

1958-2002

Merrylands have had senior soccer teams as far back as 1937. In 1942 an u/14 team was formed which went through to u/16 when the club went defunct. In 1953 the club put together an all-age team called the "two blues" which competed in the Sydney Metropolitan District.

In 1958, Joe Grubba, a former first division player with Auburn was invited to the club to coach the Metropolitan District team. Joe was later to play one further season with the club in 1961 and was voted by referees as the best and fairest player in the Sydney-wide competition.

In 1959 junior soccer was re-started in the Merrylands area when Joe Grubba, with the assistance of Clive Evans and Ray Terry, entered two teams, u/13 and u/14 in the Granville District Association. The club adopted the local colours of Green and Red and it seemed that at last soccer was here to stay. Joe worked hard for the club, riding to Regents Park on his pushbike 1 day a week to give 50 tickets to a chap who used to sell them for the club. It raised good money for the club. We used to meet the boys at the railway station and go to Seven Hills and then walk 3 miles to the oval or travel to Auburn and then walk 4 miles to Wilson Park but the lads loved their soccer and there were not many cars around them days.

The club continued to grow slowly fielding 8 teams up to the end of 1963 when Mr & Mrs Bert and Norma Packer left to become President and Secretary of the Granville District Association. The Packer family gave many years of service to the Granville District Association and did much to make the GDSFA the successful Association it is today. Joe Grubba left to establish the Merrylands RSL Soccer Club.

By the end of 1964 the club was forced to fold again.

In these days minor premiers were declared competition champions and the runners-up had to beat them in a play-off to challenge for the right to play a grand final. It is also interesting to note in those days the youngest age division was u/9 and competitions went up in two-year intervals.

In 1972 the Merrylands Soccer Football Club was reformed, again by Joe Grubba, with an u/9 team. The club was able to put together 4 teams with Terry Grubba u/6 and John Grubba u/14 also coaching teams in the initial year. Success was almost immediate and by the second year 1973 u/7's and u/9's had already won grand finals and were displaying the green jacket.

Joe Grubba returned to Merrylands Park after 8 years at the RSL at King Park. Gone was the old brick building the two blues built, the creek was covered over, only a toilet about 5 yards square made out of fence palings & no roof.

We had 4 teams, Joe, John & Terrance Grubba coached 1 team each and John Olsen coached the other team. We had a field, no money, no footballs and no change room, John Grubba was playing for Granville Magpies and he got some footballs off them and we all had our sons footballs as well. So we were on our way. We got the council

to mark the field for us and then every other Saturday we marked the field ourselves using our bare hands to spread the lime on the ground, we had no marker and our hands would be frozen as we had a lot of dew in those days.

The Grubba family had a tent so we put it up for a canteen with Dorothea Grubba working in it to with assistance from Margret Smith to make the club some money. They both were our club delegates to the Granville committee for 3 years. We then had the misfortune to lose Margaret when she passed away due to cancer.

We had lots of trouble with council trying to get a change room but we finally got one, we got the lights on the ground, but could not have a key, we had to go to Sam Boddan's house, collect the key at 5 o'clock and had to return it by 9.30 PM. This went on for a couple of years and we finally got a key and then they started to charge us for the park and we had to pay for the electricity as well. Over the years we have had many willing and honest people in the club. We went by our constitution that we had. A life member would have to serve 10 successive years and you will see 3 couples are life members, Grubba – Greenwood – Halcomb. Then there was G.Cheers – Kevin King. Our canteen manager Heather Greenwood spent 14 years, Ernie would bring & take home all the goods and money, tedious work, they combined well for the club.

We had raffles, dances and numerous other things to raise money. We finally had enough money to buy pennants for every team. We were the first to give trophies to the winning teams, jackets to the grand final winners, trophies for runners-up or minor premiers. We had a picnic to give all our players their trophies, always a good day with running plus a game of soccer at the end but now-adays they have a picnic at the oval with a free BBQ.

Our committee has done a few good things for soccer, I had the honor to speak at Granville's meeting about every player to producing a birth certificate before registration, once produced they had them for life, no more cheating children. The second was to have the first four teams play off for the grand final. As I told you early we had nothing in the bank to start but I am very pleased to say when I resigned after 20 years as treasurer we had \$16,210.78 dollars in the bank. There is still a good committee in place and they are keeping up the good work all of us strived for to give the children playing soccer a good solid grounding.

All players back then were told the referee might be wrong 99 times out of 100 but he is always right because he has the whistle and it never paid to retaliate as the second man always gets caught.



Merrylands SFC vs St Johns Auburn



Merrylands SFC vs Winston Hills



Merrylands SFC vs North Rocks

Merrylands RSL SFC

1964 – 2002

In 1964 Joe Grubba was asked to form a soccer arm for the Youth Club. Not being a stranger to starting up a club he accepted the challenge. With a grant from the RSL he then began helping the union member with the leveling of King Park which was and still is “home” to our club. Sporting the white, blue and gold colours we began to build and grow as this letter from GDSFA states:

GDSFA letter dated 10 June 1965 written by Mrs N Packer Hon. Secretary it states that Merrylands RSL youth club started to play in the Granville District Soccer Association in 1964 and it fielded 4 teams. The letter goes on to say that in 1965, Merrylands fielded 7 teams, of which 6 were well up in the various grade competitions.

The Following is a letter written by Mrs. B. Pike (Secretary Merrylands RSL Recreation Soccer Club in either 1988 or 1989)

The Constitution of all RSL youth clubs throughout the State is to support and encourage, Music, Literature, Art Physical Education and all sports controlled by amateur bodies e.g. cricket, rugby, judo, wrestling, hockey, netball, tennis, basketball, swimming, physical culture, boxing and soccer.

MERRYLANDS RSL YOUTH RECREATION CLUB was formed in 1960 with a grant of 16,000 pounds (now \$32,000) from the Merrylands RSL Club, in 1961 with the full support from both the Merrylands RSL Sub branch and Club, which led to the Youth club being built in 1962 which now stands on the end of King Park in St. Ann's Street, Merrylands. The Youth club is run by a committee of 12, appointed by the RSL sub branch including a superintendent who is in charge of all members.

Merrylands was fortunate at this time to have amongst its ranks, Mr Joe Grubba who was an instructor at the youth club who volunteered to start soccer. He was in his time a 1st grade player for Auburn Soccer Club and later appointed coach of the Metropolitan District soccer side in 1958. With Joe's help and the valuable contribution by Mrs. N Packer who was at the time Secretary of Granville District Soccer Association and now a Life Member a soccer committee was formed late in 1963. In 1964 members were elected to executive positions including Mr. B. Black who was the first Chairman and Mr. Joe Grubba was elected Secretary.

By 1966 Merrylands RSL Youth Recreation Soccer Club had entered the District Competition with 4 teams which soon grew to 9 teams, with mixed success and some winning their respective divisions.

By now the Youth club was making their presence felt and by 1972, 16 teams were entered in the competition.

At the end of each season Presentation nights were held at the youth club, many artists were engaged to entertain the children, presentations were made by distinguished sporting personalities including at the time the Australian goalkeeper Ron Lord and Johnny Warren a prominent player who was later to become the Australian Captain.

Merrylands also had in the club membership a committee member Mr. Col Hodder who was at one time President of the soccer division and later was made a Life Member of the Granville District Soccer Association.

Merrylands was also fortunate to have a very generous member of the Merrylands RSL Club the late Mr Henry (Harry) Kukins who left his Estate to the Youth Club for equipment only.

In about 1988/89 Merrylands had 14 teams entered in the Granville District Soccer Associations competition, ranging from U/6 through to U/21's. Merrylands was also fortunate to have a band of eager and helpful members of the committee and parents alike to help with their soccer progress. Many children who played soccer with Merrylands RSL, are children of ex-youth Club members, who parents take an active part in Youth Club activities e.g. some coach the teams.

Although fully supported by the MERRYLANDS RSL Sub branch, who we thank, we still hold our own fund raising activities and contribute to the financial running of the club.

Mr. Ab Balding was a founding member of the Youth club and without his and members of the Merrylands RSL sub branch and the RSL club valuable contribution towards the formation of the Youth club; it may not be as it is today.

Written by Mrs. B Pike, Secretary.

Going through club journals we have found the following highlights

Sept/Oct 1991, "the soccer season is drawing almost to a close. To date we have no less than 8 teams in the semi finals with another one or two relying on the one remaining competition game to go. Not bad as we have 14 teams in this years competition".

During the recent school holidays in July the Youth clubs under 17 soccer team took part in the "Inaugural" year of the Kanga cup. This was played over the last week of the school Holidays at Progress Park Auburn with the finals being played at Parramatta Stadium. The weeks proceedings commenced at Melita Stadium with a March Past of all teams some 50 teams took part, from under 12 to under 17. Referees from overseas countries such as America, Germany and England also were present and refereed the games during the week, together with refs from Granville District. Teams taking part in the Kanga Cup came from America, Hungary and New Zealand. The Youths clubs Under 17 teams did not lose a game until the semi final played on Saturday when they were defeated by a team called Milan Cosmos, apparently a team of young players I have been told who were in the Australian Under 17 team. In fact our boys defeated this team 2 nil on the Friday, but it was a different game on the Saturday, when we had to play them again in the semi finals. Nevertheless the effort our boys put into making the semis was a truly great one, having played 7 games during the week and at least 2 games on 2 of the days, leading up to the semi finals. Coach Reg Bright and the players, namely R. Issa, J Issa, M Ceniuk, D Colpan, A Biber, G Fewell, G Laloutsos, G Kastrounis, P. Lees, P Mongarlis, K McGregor, J. Rodrigues, C. Pacella, M. Selfridge, R. Hadden, A. Alanedine, C. Diaz, D. Brown and ball boy Geoffrey Issa. The eventual winners of the Kanga Cup were a team from Hungary who had been playing together since they were 6 yrs old. They won the Under 17 Final, 4 -2 against Milan Cosmos at the Parramatta Stadium.

Special mention to Garry and Jeanette Moxham who billeted to Referees from Germany, Michael and Dieter. During their stay they were entertained at the Merrylands Club and were exposed to the clubs entertainment and they even tried some Aussie beer. Nick Issa also played a big part in looking after the players in the Merrylands RSL squad during the tournament. Also the Merrylands RSL Under 14/2 team played in the Thistle Cup (knockout comp. for Under 14 teams) and the team

won their first game against Castle Hill 14/1. They played in the final against Pendle Hill the following week but were beaten 3-1.

July/August 1992, "A former Merrylands RSL Youth club player Barry McGregor, 15 old was invited overseas to England to further his Soccer career. Barry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken McGregor, who have another son, Ken who was also a handy soccer player. It is unknown how his career concluded.

Nov/Dec. 1997, "In 1997 the club had 8 teams, three of which did not play competition because of their age. Of the other 5 teams the U/12's were short of players all year. They only time they had a full team, they won. They hope to have extra players next year." "The U/10's made the final; the U/9's won the grand final 1-0; the U21's lost one game on the way to winning their Premiership, and the seniors, after losing their first two games, went on to win the Premiership also. Three Premiers and a third place out of 5 teams participating in competitions is a record of which the Club is very proud. The U/21's who are all Under 18's (2 players under 16) were selected to represent Granville Association in the Champion of Champions event at Dubbo where in a hard fought game they lost 2-0."



Granville U/12 Reps - 1981

North Rocks Junior Football Soccer Club

1965 -2002

North Rocks Public School set the stage for our humble beginnings. The Deputy Principal, Mr Bob Burns, noticed a keen interest for a game of soccer. He sent notes home requesting interested parents to come forward with the idea of starting a team. A meeting was held with interested parents.

A team was started playing social games with other teams from neighboring teams, interest soon gathered and five teams were formed.

A further meeting was held and it was decided to enter teams in district competition, this being with the GDSFA.

The Club name given was North Rocks Junior Soccer Club. A Constitution was written.

Mrs Betty Bourke made the first playing strip. It was a blue shirt, white shorts and white socks with two dark blue bands around the tops.

In this year the Granville Association dealt with the registration of players and advice and encouragement was given freely whenever needed.

With the permission of the Headmaster, Mr F Clark, and the Department of Education, the North Rocks school grounds and wash facilities for their Saturday soccer games.

The ladies of the soccer gave their time in efforts of fundraising organising canteens and various social events. Facilities were in such short supply that they even had to warm pies in heated house bricks.

The first year of competition saw three teams reaching the Semi Finals. Mr Jack Martin created the concept of wings on the ball.

By this time Farnell Park had begun to be leveled with the help of Mr Ron Banderia and his tractor digging and leveling of the driveway, not to mention leveling of the park before the turfing commenced.

At this point I must mention that North Rocks Park used to be a rubbish tip and the first canteen is buried under playing field No. 2.

In 1968 the words "Play Hard, Play Fair" appeared and are still the standard by which we play today. A tin shed was built to store the equipment in the park. Council built a new toilet block, which has been upgraded on several occasions.

The first all age team was formed in 1968 and was entered in Division 2 of the Granville Association. All age goalkeeper, Ernie Young conducted the first goalkeeping clinic, on 16 June 1968.

After the competition games were completed the teams would march through the streets to Garside Park for Granville's presentation.

The teams increased to 16, which meant another field was needed so Council started to extend the field in preparation for marking out of two playing areas. Power was also connected to the canteen.

At one of the junior games in 1971 some dads suggested that the opposing team's fathers organise a social games and thus the beginning of "the old buffers" began. By 1972 the old buffers had exploded to the great number of 16 teams.

Through the increase of numbers and approach was made to the Church of England Boys Homes on Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford permission was granted subject to us cutting the grass and leveling out and setting out of the grounds.

1975 saw our senior players entered into inter suburban Division 3 competition. As with all new ventures the rough edges had to be ironed out and after this they finished the season as Finalists.

North Rocks Junior Soccer Club was renamed North Rocks Soccer Club because of the club expansion into senior soccer. This error of change of name of club meant sew on badges for playing strips, track suits were altered and new designs of banners and ribbons.

A new era for the club started in 1978 when one mum said, “why can’t girls play soccer”, so Carol Brown started to collect names of interested players. Then problems arose when most people would not accept that girls could play soccer. Training started and many social games were arranged with 30 odd players, two teams were formed. Thus the scene was set for competition and the Association started regular competition games for all that entered.

1979 was a milestone in this club’s history as it was the largest club in the Granville Association.

In 1976 we were the Champion Club with approximately 45 teams. In 1992 we won the Challenge Shield (Premier League). In 1997 our Under 10 team won Champion of Champions. In 2000 our Under 17 won Champion of Champions and in 2001 we had our Under 12 team representing us in the Champion of Champions.





North Rocks 1965-66



North Rocks 2000

Parramatta City Sporting Club

1974-2002

The club was founded in 1974 and first registered as Parramatta Hellas. We originally registered 4 teams in the Granville & District Soccer Football Association in 1974 and competed in the same year. Our equipment was originally borrowed from the Bankstown Crest Soccer Club and with their assistance, we kicked our first soccer ball.

Parramatta City Council through our founding members granted the club a home ground. This ground was Barton Park, North Parramatta, and an ex garbage tip. With Parramatta City Council's assistance in providing soil and turf, voluntary members and supporters converted the property into a reputable soccer field.

With the stability of home ground and office premises at Hassall Street, Parramatta the club began to grow in great proportions.

The club attracted further members and in the following year/s we registered increased team numbers with the G.D.S.F.A.

We temporarily relocated to Granville Park, Merrylands whilst Parramatta City Council upgraded the facilities at Barton Park, North Parramatta.

For a number of years the club sought a more stable/permanent home ground and again, with Parramatta City Council's assistance the club was granted Eric Primrose Reserve, Rydalmere in 1982. Once again the property was one of Parramatta City Council's local garbage tips and hence facilities were not present. In the same year we entered the NSW State League competition.

With Parramatta City Council's approval our members commenced construction on temporary dressing rooms and store.

The club utilised one soccer field, which ran parallel to Parramatta River at the northern end of the ground.

As government grants became available, Parramatta City Council constructed new facilities at the ground, including:

- Dressing Sheds
- Store Room
- Canteen
- Car Park facilities
- Lighting
- Bicycle Track
- Spectator fencing

Further upgrading was performed on the lighting and a second ground was utilised, both fields running in E-W direction. The car parking facility was also extended to accommodate for our growth. Our club had to meet some of these projects by also providing funds.

Over our club's 28-year history the name has changed a number of times. As mentioned previously the original was Parramatta Hellas, we then re-named the club

to Western District Hellas Sporting Club and finally in October 1992 to Parramatta City Sporting Club Incorporated.

Today with Parramatta City Council's support we boast, 2 full size soccer fields and 1 mini field. Also 2 grounds at Northmead for all our State League off-season training.

The Parramatta City Sporting Club Inc. forecasts a successful and long future.

The club has grown considerably since it's founding back in 1974. Back then, we registered 4 teams in the G.D.S.F.A. and hoped for increased numbers the following year. Our number of teams and members in fact did grow and by the early 80's we boasted 15 teams.

Since then, the club has grown even further; presently we have registered teams in NSW State League div. 2 competition along with NSW State Youth League div. 2 and NSW Cadet League div. 1 teams. This was necessary to accommodate and compliment our playing talent. We have been competing under NSW Soccer Federation since 1982 at senior level.

Our membership numbers have also grown to well over 200 and the club's financial position is also favorable.

For a club with a short history our achievements are extremely high. The club has managed to win 47 championships since we kicked our first ball, Our NSW State League Senior, Youth and Female teams have also completed 15 championships to date and expect many more...

The club aims to set high standards for it's players and members and is hence extremely proud of its achievements and envisages further success.

Our club thrives on unity and a future for our children's children.



Parramatta City vs Granville Waratah



Granville Magpies - 1915



Parramatta Eagles

Parramatta Eagles Soccer Club

1989-2002

The idea to form the Parramatta Eagles Soccer Club was first thought about by Tony Mifsud, Fred Xuerub and Andrew Dali. They spoke to Sam Vella who gave them his blessing and the club was formed.

All of this was aimed at producing young players for the future.

When the club first started there were five teams. These consisted of an U/8's, U/9's, U/10's, U/12's and U/13's. Our first ground was Athol Barnes & Ray Marshall Reserve, which is still our home ground today.

Parramatta Eagles have been involved in the Kanga Cup, State Cup, Champion of Champions and Minor Premiers and Premiers too many times to mention.

Ahmed Elrich who represented Australia was a Parramatta Eagles junior. Ahmed started with the club in 1989 in the U/9's then he progressed to the Parramatta Eagles Super Youth League where he spent five years. He always played a year above his age group. Ahmed then moved to Parramatta Eagles U/18's at the age of 16 and at age 17 he played in the U/21's and First Grade Super Youth League and then signed for Parramatta Power at the age of 18 where he still currently plays. Ahmed is currently representing Australia in the World Cup.

Parramatta Eagles Club colours have remained the same from the day that the Club was started. Our home ground strip is White with a Red shoulder stripe and our away strip is Red with a White shoulder stripe.

Heading in the right direction we have a ladies team. Last year we had two ladies' teams with our AAL Div.1 going all the way to Minor Premiers, Premiers and Champion of Champions Final under the direction of Lal Byres. Our AAL Div.3 going to Grand Finalists. If you were at Dubbo with the team you would remember the funny story!

The fees to play for the club were.....Well that was just too far back to remember!

We asked for donations of Meat Trays and Vegie Trays to raffle on game days to raise money.

We haven't had the luxury of a major sponsor but we have had many minor sponsors – the most recent being Dellwood Butchery, Azzam Air Conditioning and LGB Contracting along with to many others to mention here.

We have been going for 13 years now and will be around for many years to come.

Pendle Hill Junior Soccer Club

1966-2002

Pendle Hill Junior Soccer Club began as a breakaway movement from Toongabbie Junior Soccer Club. This happened as a result of discussions between parents of the children wishing to change clubs.

Bob & Shirley Doherty approached Mr & Mrs Kerry Packer who at the time were President & Secretary of Granville & Districts Association and asked how a junior Soccer Club could be formed.

The first step was to find a ground to play on and luckily new playing fields were ready on Binalong Road, behind Toongabbie Public School.

With support and guidance from Granville & District Soccer Football Association a meeting was held at the home of Bob & Shirley Doherty, 111 Binalong Road. Attending this meeting were Mr & Mrs Packer, Shirley & Henry Waters, Kit & Les Fields, Hazel & Bruce Sternbeck, Roma & Bob Carrett and Pat & Ron Lawson. It was agreed to apply for the use of the new playing fields at Binalong Road, Toongabbie and the application was approved by Blacktown Council.

An advertisement for players was placed in the local newspaper; Bob & Shirley Doherty's garage was used for sign on day. By the end of the day there were 8 registered teams, which was enough to form a Junior Soccer Club.

Further meetings were held and with good support from parents the first committee was formed.

President – Bob Doherty

Vice President – Henry Waters

Secretary – Shirley Doherty

Treasurer – Les Fields

So was born the Pendle Hill Junior Soccer Club.

Now the work began.

This was an exciting time; fundraising began and sponsors sought. Esso Oil company did not accept the offer to become a sponsor but did however send several hundred of their tiger tails, which were proudly flown from car aerals wherever we went.

Tiger Tails became the name of the club's weekly newsletter.

The original strip was chosen to be, black shirt with gold sash, black shorts, gold socks with two black bands at the top, and the emblem of a tiger's head was also chosen. The strip has changed many times over the years but the black & gold colours remain the same.

Fees in 1966 were a very reasonable \$2.50. From the late seventies to this present day the club has registered approximately 33 teams each year. Dick Kocass started a club's team in 1972 and some of these players are still playing, or now have their children playing.

In 1966 the club had 1 field and the canteen was a tent. The tent was burnt by over zealous hot dog sellers, then progressed to a shed which was dismantled in the off season, then to a slightly larger building built by several fathers and now the present

day building which was erected by council. Another fire in 1996 destroyed a lot of memorabilia due to be displayed at the 30th year celebrations. Due to the hard work of committee members the club now boasts 4 fields, all with underground watering systems and a modern well-equipped canteen.

Bob Carrett, Brian Ollier and Hans Grazelska were the clubs first coaches. Many followed, and in some cases they brought with them many years of experience from competition overseas. Emil Kosaras and Richard Baker both played for Federation Clubs after arriving in Australia, and when retired, took up coaching at Pendle Hill. The first head coach was Bob Hall (Australian Representative), followed by Dick Kocass, Ian Bullock, Dave Luck, John Simmons (present day player) and Fred Seger to name a few.

In the early days a team of marching girls were recruited from long suffering sisters of the players. The team dressed in club colours and won many awards. Parents were not forgotten, Dads “old buffers” and Mums “puffers” teams got together for many hilarious games of soccer.

Presentation night has progressed from a family picnic at Prospect Dam, to days at the oval, and now a separate junior and senior presentation is held. Toongabbie Bowling Club (major sponsor) is the venue for many of our get-togethers such as Trivia and Karaoke nights.

Many club balls have been held at various local venues, we have a Cubs day and of course there is the annual Coaches & Managers vs. Over 35's match, the winner of which receives the ‘Wako Cup’

Pendle Hill Junior Soccer Club has grown to be one of the largest clubs in the Granville Association through the dedication of many, many people who over the years have enjoyed making PENDO part of their lives.



Pendle Hill vs Auburn



Pendle Hill vs St Johns Auburn



Pendle Hill vs St Johns Auburn

Referees History

1908–2002

Footballers and referees used to meet in the mess hall of the railway workshops near the Clyde Football field, which was called Clyde Stadium. This was east of Garside Park, where Mitsubishi now are. The stadium and field was built on railway land, and had a magnificent grandstand and was fully fenced, a better ground than Parramatta Stadium.

This complex was bulldozed in 1939 when the Second World War broke out to enlarge the railway workshops.

Granville Association and the referees then moved to Lidcombe oval during the war.

The mayor of Granville, who was the coach of Granville Magpies, asked the association and the referees to move to Garside Park. This field was called Macarthur Park. Meetings used to take place in the tin shed changing rooms before the clubhouse was built. Granville Council existed until sometime in the '50's.

The referee's then moved to Merrylands Bowling Club in about 1994.

In the early years the Granville Association used to cover 35% of the metropolitan area, extending from Gladesville to the Nepean River, Hornsby and Bankstown. The NSWAF formed a number of new associations in the '50's to cater for the growing number of teams in the local areas.

Our uniform used to be white, but this was changed in the late '60's to the black uniform. Our socks were black with white tops until about 1995 when we went to all black socks.

In the late '70's, the NSW body, the AA, brought all associations under the one banner and told us not to wear the Granville badge. We objected, as we are the oldest referee's association in Australia, and did not join the new body. Eventually we were asked to join again and were allowed to wear our Granville badge at our own Association matches.

We have always supplied referees up to 4 fields on the one-day to the Inter-District and Youth League games. We also supply referees to the school competitions, and to the federation.

Years ago we were refereeing from U/7's to all-age. Now from U/9's to Premier League and 35's and the girl's comp. Referees are also supplied for club gala days; some of these are recognised statewide.

Referee's entered a team in a knock out competition one year, but did not venture there again.

The "big wet" that saw Granville competition canceled in 1989 saw us move to Gladesville and they had us refereeing their AA division 12 but it was not long before they recognised the quality of the refereeing and had us doing their Premier League.

Us referee's have had our share of fun with the Association, just look at some of the nicknames we have been given. There was the referee called 10 yard Sid. Another used to caution known naughty players before the game started. Another was called hatchet man. Another was the one arm bandit, who always dropped his coin and lost it during junior games. This gentleman lost his arm in a work incident but was an excellent referee, and there is many a player who will tell you a tale of Bill Mare.

Referees were paid in little envelopes at meetings but an incentive was needed for the junior referee's so the Harry Berle, Bill Mare, Jack Newhouse trophy was introduced for the most improved referee. Game control, attendance at meetings, availability and personalities were all used to assess the receiver of the award.

Fitness tests and training are part of our job as referee's which only improves the standard during games.

We have seen many of our referee's go on to big futures; Simon Micallef went on to Federation and is now a FIFA referee, he is also on the Olympic panel. Greg Leverton is now a top national referee and is on the Paraplegic Olympic panel. Brian Seymour is now a top national assistant referee. Heidi Calder was our top lady referee, doing Federation and State League ladies games.

Granville has supplied a lot of inspectors to the federation; two of the top people are Jeff Leverton and Paul Micallef.

Referees have always been of assistance at judiciary meetings. They are also in attendance at Granville general and executive meetings.

A seminar is held every season where all referees must attend to be brought up to speed with any new rule changes.

There have only been a small number of assaults on referee's which have been swiftly dealt with by Granville but sadly this is occurring more often.

When you consider the size of the association that is Granville and the fact that we have some referee's catching multiple forms of transport to fulfill their appointment, the stamina involved in refereeing a game and the time it takes to ensure that all rules are learnt, updated and adhered to the Granville referee's should be rewarded for their perseverance.



St John's Auburn

1959 - 2002

Three weeks. That was the small amount of time that it took the 1959 St John's committee to organise and register nine teams in its augural season with Granville Association. What began in haste though has evolved over 40 years into a permanent and much-loved institution within the Auburn municipality.

St John's has always been more than just a soccer club. As its name implies, St John's was originally an extension of the local Marist Brothers High School and the religious values it espoused. It came complete with a Club Chaplain and, as the 1961 president's report highlighted, "moral training", which coaches and managers were expected to impart on players. As a result of this guidance, the report assumed, "of 120 boys only one has had cause to appear before the executive committee during the 1961 season, an excellent record."

One event that stands out from the 1960s was the annual pilgrimage to play soccer at Ettalong and Gosford, both located on the NSW Central Coast. Not only did the club need to organise the movement of over three hundred people, but it also had to arrange the hire of a train to transport them there. Also worthy of note was the under 7s from 1967, whose goal difference of 104 goals for and none against rated a mention in the September 4 Daily Mirror.

1970 marked the entrance of St John's first All-Age team. Whilst the side made the semi-finals, the then Secretary Dick Lewin lamented a spate of injuries and that the team "did not train enough together" as the reasons for their failure to take the trophy. The same could be said for most under-performing senior sides ever since. At the other end of the age scale, St John's also fielded its first under 6 side in 1974.

The 1970s also saw a gradual expansion in the number of registered teams. From a low of five in 1970, St John's grew to 14 teams by 1979. Not all was well though. One contentious issue that was flagged in the 1975 President's report was registration fees and the idea that players should pay either before the season commenced, or pay as they play each week. On a more positive financial note though, beer and spirits featured on the Club expenses ledger during the 1970s, reflective perhaps of a more relaxed period in the Club's (and nation's) history. That "cash for races" (\$9.35) was also listed, as a legitimate expense in 1972 would appear to strengthen this view.

The big news during the 1970s though was the granting of Webbs Avenue as the new home ground for the club. The ground was officially handed over by the Town Clerk on 1 April 1977, ending the Club's long search for somewhere to permanently plant its posts. Whilst St John's had used Webbs Avenue as a training park from 1963, competition games had been played at other locations, including Progress Park in Auburn and Wilson Park in Silverwater.

1978 also marked the introduction of the Club's first live and active power-point in the canteen (i.e. tent), doing away with the gas bottles that had up until then been the source of its power. 1979 also yielded the Club's first female coach, Genevieve Scollard, who guided the under 9s. One thing though that didn't change during the 1970s was the Club's bank balance. Whilst both income and expenses increased considerably with inflation, the end of year bank balance grew from only \$537.95 in 1970 to \$564.47 in 1979.

The number of registered teams fluctuated throughout, from 17 in 1981 up to an all-time high of 23 in 1986, and then back down to 18 in the rain affected year of 1989. The club undertook various capital works programs during the 1980s, including the erection of floodlights in 1981 and 1983, the construction of the still-present kickwall next to field 3 in 1982 (built for \$2,000 from canteen profits), and the leveling and returfing of Webbs Avenue during 1983-84. The latter may not have removed all of the undulations and contours still evident on fields one and two, but it certainly helped create what remains arguably two of the best fields in the Granville Association. No mean feat when one considers that both of these fields were laid on top of the once Council rubbish tip.

1981 also marked the introduction of female soccer at St John's, and it was also named Club Champions in 1983. Moreover, the 1988 Premier League side won the Cottam Cup for the first time in the Club's history.

Various president and secretary's reports from the 1980s revealed the increasing complexity of running a community based soccer club. This was evident in Mary Galvin's 1980 secretary report where, in pleading for forgiveness for her occasional "abrupt or short" manner, she outlined the difficulty in meeting the often divergent needs of all players and parents. In defending all players' right to a "fair and equal chance to participate in soccer", Mary effectively summed up what remains St John's guiding philosophy.

1987 appeared to emphasise the difficulty in maintaining high ethical and disciplinary standards at St John's. In a year plagued by a large number of yellow and red cards, then Secretary Janice Hutton pleaded for improved standards of behavior throughout the Club. In what she described in her end of year report as a "light hearted but meaningful guide" to improving these standards, Janice unleashed a list of commandments that would have done Moses proud. Apart from discouraging payment for children to score goals (a good point considering that money hasn't helped our beloved Soccerroos), she also demanded that "thou shalt not rave, shriek, scream or rage or otherwise misbehave from the sideline during a match".

Janice Hutton is worthy of mention for her role within the Club. She began on the St John's committee in 1980 as assistant secretary, and continued on as president during most of the 1990s. A lady now in her mid-fifties, Janice was with the club for over 24 years. Whilst physically small in stature, she could be tough and unrelenting when it came to defending St John's interests. In a conversation with her two years ago, Janice recalled what it was about her time with the club that appealed to her the most.

One such fond memory was the interaction between senior and junior players. "I remember when, in the mornings, the senior players would watch the juniors... the kids used to think it was wonderful. And in between the morning [junior] games and afternoon [senior] games the seniors would stay with the juniors and give them Chinese burns, or throw them in the bin, or roll them down the hill...there was a bond there. In the afternoon the kids would throw a tanty if they couldn't stay and watch the seniors play."

The 1990s had its share of high points. Cottam Cup winners in 1995; President's Cup winners in 1994, 1996 and 1998; overall Club Champions in 1992 and 1996-97; consistently strong Division One All Age sides in both the women and men's competitions; the Club's 40th Anniversary in 1998; and the successful holding of the Centenary Cup in 1999 were amongst many achievements that stood out. The

(eventual) completion of a new clubroom in May 1997 also gave us a much-needed roof over our heads.

As a community based organisation though St John's has not existed in a vacuum and, as such, it is impossible to document its history without an acknowledgment of the dramatic demographic changes that have occurred in Auburn. This change was highlighted as early as 1982 in a report on western Sydney, where it stated the following about Auburn: "What was once a homogenous Australian working class community has, within the space of some 15 years, become a community of racial, ethnic and religious divisions."

The 1996 census reveals just how diverse Auburn has become. Over 62% of people living within the Auburn Municipality spoke a language other than English at home, and 48% were originally born overseas. Auburn is now an eclectic mix of cultures, dominated by people with Turkish, Chinese, Lebanese and Vietnamese backgrounds. Coupled with its ethnicity is Auburn's low ranking on the Australian index of relative disadvantage, one that now has the area fourteenth from the bottom.

Coupled with the challenge inherent in attempting to meet the needs of peoples from increasingly divergent ethnic and religious backgrounds has been the continuing battle to secure help with running the Club. It's an annual plea that now wears old and bedraggled clothes, one that most continue to ignore. Emerging from amongst this gloom though is a group of amazingly generous and selfless helpers who have always been there for the Club. The list is seemingly endless, yet some have shone just that bit brighter than others have over the past 40 years. The list of life members is fairly indicative of the people that fit into this select category:

Dick Lewin (deceased), Noel Borland, Judy Murray, Owen Thomas, Ray Garrard, Chris Wurth, Keith Latham, Stan Sheehan, Bob Wurth, Robert Murray, Harry Murphy, Janice Hutton, Alan Hynes, Mary Galvin, Mario Macri and Charlie Schembri.

By no means was this intended to serve as the complete history of St John's Soccer Club. Far from it. That will have to wait until another day. For a description of the history of the 1960s and 1970s in particular we have relied almost exclusively on records that have been lovingly put together and maintained by Janice Hutton. At the very least we hope this short summary gives readers an insight into what it means to wear the maroon and gold of St John's, of the people who have contributed to the Club, and of the philosophies that continue to guide our path into the future. Results, whilst mentioned sporadically throughout, were of secondary importance.

If this summary encouraged you to smile upon the thought of some distant yet fond memory, then it has achieved another goal.

Perhaps the last word on what it's like to serve in a community organisation like St John's was best articulated by Ted Hutton, president between 1981 and 1985, when he stated the following in his 1982 annual report:

"Some people think you are paid a \$1,000 a week for keeping their children off the street, they criticise you behind your back and sometimes you wonder if it is all worth it. It is, believe me".



St Johns vs North Rocks



St Johns vs Dundas

St. Joseph's Rydalmere Soccer Club

1988- 2002

St. Joseph's Rydalmere Soccer Club has been operating from Rydalmere Park since 1988, when its junior teams first began. In that time it has developed and grown into a permanent fixture with the Granville Association, fielding teams from Under 6's to Over 35's and Premier League. Plans are being made for a return to Ladies Soccer also.

The Club's ambition is to give to its juniors the benefits of the good things that can derive from playing soccer: sportsmanship, fun, fitness, personal achievement, teamwork and the sense that they are part of a larger community.

The first St. Joseph's Soccer Club was formed by a small group from the north-Lebanese town of Zgharta in the Canterbury area in the mid 1960's but was able to stay afloat for only a few short years before folding.

It was revived, as a senior Club only, under its old name, in 1979. For the first two seasons its home was Granville Park, so it originally had a presence in the Granville Association area, but playing in the Sydney Amateur League. In 1982 a move was made to a, then, more central location at Meadowbank, where the Club would remain for six years.

Having to learn to walk before it could run, the first years were ones of struggle, as enthusiasm greatly exceeded ability. But when passion and pride are strong much is possible and the Club gradually began to move forward. On field performances improved greatly and off-field organisation became more competent.

Expansion has always been part of the Club's vision. In arguably the Club's greatest achievement, junior teams were started in 1988, playing out of Rydalmere Park in the Granville and Districts Soccer Football Association.

Accordingly, the Club changed its name to St. Joseph's Rydalmere Soccer Club. It's first President was Antoine Zalloua and the first match was an Under 14's clash against Greystanes. In that season there were just four junior teams, though the 18/2's broke through to win our first Granville Premiership that year.

Fortunes fluctuated as the Club came to terms with the difficulties of running junior sides. With only a small drawing area and ambitions directly mainly at a season to season struggle to survive, it was often difficult to keep teams going. However, the Committee and coaches and parents persevered and the Club is now a strongly established entity in the Granville area.

As with most Clubs the same faces have been there for most of its 23 years, Life Members of the Club are Michael Azize, Antoine Zalloua, Peter Bacha, Sid Zalloua, Ronnie Mowad, Yvonne Bacha, George Zaiden, Sid Finianos and George Mowad.

Originally playing in red and white colours, the Club added green to its strip in 2000. Its symbol has always been a soccer ball; the cedar tree, as a mark of respect to its origins; a pair of hands to symbolise friendship; and a map of Australia to signify its new homeland.

One of the proudest achievements of the Club is that it has so many children of former St. Joseph's Rydalmere players in its ranks. These second-generation players have been one of its strengths through the years.

The Club also takes pride in its ability to maintain a Premier League squad for the last three seasons, being easily the smallest Club in the Association currently to so do. It made the finals in both grades of Granville's flagship competition for the first time last year.

The Committee's plan for the future is to add more teams at the lower ages by expanding its local recruitment programs. More teams and more players means better soccer for us and better soccer for Granville.

As it said earlier the first St. Joseph's Soccer Club was of Lebanese origins. This is well known and no secret. The St. Joseph's Rydalmere Soccer Club grew from that seed but it is a broadly based Club, open to persons of all national origins and religions.

We believe that our presence in the Granville Association can act as a catalyst for greater understanding between communities and the Committee has worked hard over the years to grow a reputation for sportsmanship and fairness, while still, of course, being out there to be the best Club we can be.



Eagle vs Brumbies

Toongabbie & Districts Junior Soccer Club

1900's - 2002

Toongabbie & District Junior Soccer Club Inc. is one of the oldest clubs (if not the oldest) playing in the Granville Districts Soccer Football Association (GDSFA).

Originally founded as Toongabbie Junior Soccer Club (TJSC) in the early 1900's (we are unsure of the exact date), we have continually played in the GDSFA competition since that date. Girraween Park has always been the home ground of TJSC since its inception.

We saw the club move to have teams playing in NSW State League also playing at Girraween Park until they moved in 1981 to the newly built Gabbie Stadium in Seven Hills. 1981 also saw the formation of Blacktown City Soccer Club (BCSC).

In 1982 TJSC negotiated with BCSC to structure its own constitution, governing and controlling its own operation separately to BCSC. Being able to elect it's own committee and control the full operation of club, a move that has been very beneficial to the ongoing future of TJSC.

Toongabbie Junior Soccer Club has always been a forward thinking club, being one of the first GDSFA clubs to recognise the need to have players in 5 – 8 years age bracket play on mini fields. Toongabbie Cubs were formed in 1982 with players competing on mini fields and over shorter times. This allowed the players to develop their skills before playing on full size fields.

Many of the innovations developed by TJSC has seen players develop from juniors, going onto play Federation Football with State League clubs such as Blacktown City Soccer Club and several other clubs.



Toongabbie vs Baulkham Hills

Wentworthville Waratah Soccer Club

1954 – 2002

Wenty Waratah Sports and Social Club has grown from the humble beginnings of a couple of mates and neighbours deciding at a meeting, adjacent to the current Ted Burge Sportsground, to enter a single team in the then PDJCA Cricket competition in 1953-1954. At that time, the Ted Burge Sportsground (Centenary Park) didn't even exist.

Since its establishment, the Club has grown and has continued to enter teams of all ages in all sports in both junior and senior competitions. By 1954-55 we had 2 senior and 1 junior team cricket team and the Soccer division with one team, a competition Tennis team and a social Golf competition. 1958 saw the establishment of the Netball Division (then known as Ladies Basketball), while the Softball Club was founded in 1973.

Wenty Waratahs has always welcomed players from all over the district and has attempted to uphold a tradition of hospitality and good sportsmanship.

Throughout its history, our Club has been fortunate to have talented players, tireless workers and most of all colourful characters. We have always endeavoured to be competitive, but welcomed our competitors for "refreshments" and a chat after any game.

The following is a list of the first Soccer team, it is suggested that this team was formed around 1955.

Ray Heathcote	Fred King	Jack Brown (coach)	Frank Flockton
Mick Carty	Hiram Jones	Carl Young	Neville Flack
Bill Dixon	Norm Bromley	Tom Percy	Ron Hicks
Jack Stone	Mick Faulkner	Ray Hisby	

W.W.S.C. won the Cottam Cup in 1958, with Otto BRUSH being the captain of the this team that also won a Knock-Out Competition played at Garside Park at Granville. Competing were Rydalmere, Pendle Hill and Girraween.

Juniors were started off in 1958 by Malcom Stewart. (Malcom & Molly Stewart, Lane St, Wenty.)

Malcom was Secretary/Treasurer from 1958 to approx 1972-4 ? Ted Burge was responsible for this steady flow of players, as he would send out letters to all the schools in the area to recruit new players every year.

The first junior teams formed were two Under 10 years and two Under 12 years sides in early 1958.

Winston Hills Soccer Club

1963-2002

Winston Hills was first known as Model Farms and the name was changed in around 1963 by Hookers when they opened up a housing estate using the Winston Hills name.

John Books chaired a Progress Association meeting in November 1969, when the idea was moted that some sporting Clubs should be established. The Progress Association Sports Committee then organised a meeting, which was held in a Hooker exhibition home at the corner of Lanhams Road and Hillcrest Avenue, on 17 March 1970. This meeting was arranged by Arthur Jackman (who had no children associated with the Club but who was keen to see sporting Clubs established in the area), who later became the first Club President. The meeting was well attended with some 30 to 40 people interested enough in forming the Club. A further meeting was held seven days later and the first Constitution was signed by the first Management Committee and approved by the first 32 members of the Club.

At the meeting, Wayne Muller and Jim Bird took responsibility for getting soccer going. There were a lot of Englishmen living in the area at the time and it was generally considered that getting a soccer Club going would not be too hard. The first registration day signed on 74 soccer players from which five teams were entered into the Granville Districts competition. By the time the season was only 50% complete, the number of teams had increased to 10, with 157 players registered. An all age social team had also been formed. Three teams qualified for finals this first year. In the second year of the Club, the number of teams playing soccer increased to 19 and the Winston Hills Soccer Club was off and running.

Once the Club has been entered into the Granville Association, because they had no shirts, the first games were played in a green and white strip, which had been borrowed, from Holroyd Rangers. When it came round to getting the colours organised, there were naturally a lot of differing opinions going around. People put forward various colour schemes while others actually brought in existing shirts to put forward their case. John Lowe wanted a one-colour strip and suggested that the all orange strip, the same as worn by Wolverhampton Wanderers, would be a good one to choose. He reasoned that teams dressed in the one colour always seemed to look taller and it was only the inability to obtain an orange coloured material for the shorts, which stopped that idea from going through. However, most people were eventually against the one colour idea and wanted a two-tone strip. They didn't want to be associated with any other Club, preferring to have their own identity. A number of colours were discarded because they clashed with other Clubs. Wayne Muller brought along a shirt from his old Regents Park Baptist Church team, which featured the tangerine colour we now wear and this was adopted along with black shorts. The colour of the shorts was chosen because a lot of the children at that time were wearing the shorts that were worn by Balmain in those days. The socks started out as an all orange affair before changing to orange with black hoops and then changing to our present colours of black socks with the orange hoops.

The original emblem, which depicted "The Hills", was not identified with the Club by many people and was eventually, changed to a bear at the 1975 AGM. The change occurred because many people began cheering for the winnies, which was their shortened version of Winston. Eventually the association of winnie to "Winnie the

Poo” resulted in some parents calling out supporting the “Poo Bears”. Ken Taylor, along with John Lowe, began to push the idea of adopting the bear emblem for the Club. John Lowe even went as far as putting together a drawing of a big grizzly bear, which he hung up on the door of the cow shed. That drawing stayed on that door for quite some time and may have influenced many people into adopting the bear as our emblem. The idea of the bear was pushed forward even further when Col Perry’s son-in-law (Mark Jessop), wore a bear suit (as the team’s mascot) to the 1974 under 21’s Grand Final at the Toongabbie ground. This added spirit to the day and it wasn’t too long before the bear became the official emblem for the Club.

In the early days, there were no change rooms or canteen available. The first canteen was operated out of a tent, which was put up each Saturday morning and was taken down at day’s end. The tent lasted for approximately 18 months until ‘the mushroom’ was built. Getting sick and tired of erecting the tent each morning and thinking that there had to be a better way to operate, the idea of ‘the mushroom’ was formed. In a tin shed of sorts, it was built one Friday evening in Barry Souter’s workshop in Barnett’s Road. It was then dismantled and the following morning was erected at the grounds ready for the day’s operations. The fact that it popped up overnight, somewhat like a mushroom, gave way to its nickname. The mushroom lasted for about three or four years before the present amenities block was built in around 1976/77.

The Bear Cubs were the original idea of Bruce Bell (1977) who was the soccer Club President at the time and you had to be six years old before you were allowed to play. There was a lot of opposition within the Club when the idea was originally mooted but sanity prevailed and the Cubs were up and playing. Granville Association opposed the idea of the Bear Cubs and they only relented by setting down one condition, the fact that the Club had to supply one First Division team each year for their Under 6 competition. In that first year, North Rocks beat our Under 6 team in the Grand Final, which was played on a full size field. Manny and Janice Farrugia took over the organisational aspects when they first started in 1978. Janice provided all the names for the teams so that they were associated with the bear emblem. In that first year, only 6’s and 7’s played and basically, there were no rules. The main concept being, that the kids would be taught the basic skills and be allowed to run around and just enjoy themselves.

Jackson’s Dairy (which later became Fazzari Dairy) was the original site of Gooden Reserve. The cowshed (since overrun by the M2), where a lot of meetings were held, was originally a milking shed hence the name “cow shed”. The original building consisted of two main walls and an iron roof with a half wall at the front. When the Club took it over (obtained from the Main Roads Department on a nominal lease), a lot of the bricks used to line the shed, were obtained from nearby residents following the completion of their homes. Ken Taylor, a brickie by profession, would tour the area in his beat up combi picking up 20 bricks from here and 30 bricks from there before delivering them to the cow shed where they were used for the walls. Col Perry provided any concrete that was needed and the story goes that the concrete floor of the shed was trowelled off under the lights of half a dozen cars so that the job could be completed that day. Later, a small toilet block and kitchen area was added to the shed. The official opening of the cow shed occurred on 21 May 1971. Dances were held at the cow shed once a month with the popular song being “Running Bear” and were that successful, that many lasted into the wee small hours of the morning. Other functions were held in the shed including what was called a ‘tramps night’, where

members would consume fish and chips while sitting on the floor of the shed and downing a few tinnies at the end of the day. Food for those early do's was usually provided by those attending and a lot of the food was cooked on small gas stoves.

From then on, there was a lot of colourful history to record.....



Winston Hills vs Wentworthville Waratah



Winston Hills vs Kellyville

The Cumberland Argus

And Fruit Growers' Advocate.

PARRAMATTA, SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1916

Sports and Games

FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION

GRANVILLE AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION. Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. C. Sloman, Glebe St; Parramatta.

Secretaries of all clubs and all others who conduct correspondence on football should note the change in secretary, as above.

The new hon. sec. has taken over the books, and asks for the help of all concerned, and in return promises to do his best.

Mr. Sloman is not quite new to the office, having had a short turn before, but being a player in local competitions did not feel comfortable. He still strips for the Sunlight Club, but as their comp. Is under N.S.W.F.A. jurisdiction, matters of management will not hamper him in his new undertaking.

A.E.E. will still be the buttress (as Mr. Nobbs puts it) of the game ----if not the pillar.

Delegates of Juvenile and Junior teams got together on Monday and sorted out dates free from clashes with compulsory Comp. Starts Saturday 3rd.

Players in these competitions will find their fixtures in this column every week.

A match that is creating some interest in the School Comp. Is to be played at Westmead today, Boy's Home v. Granville Central. Referee Mr. Adams.

The attraction for Clyde Oval today is Y.M.C.A. v. Magpies at 3.15 pm.

GranvilleTeam: Newhouse, Gill, Viery, Thompson, Moore (Capt.), Hawksley, Winten, Gregory, Walsh, Mellior- Smith, Peel, A. Peary.

At last Magpies have been given credit for good intentions in the metropolitan Press, and the following extracts are good reading to those who have done so much at this end.

The State Champions and the Premiers fielded at the Sydney Cricket Ground, and although Balmain were occasionally in Queer Street, their superiority was manifest almost from kick off. Owing to illness, Custodian Mobbs was not in his usual position, the gate being guarded by Newhouse, and without practice, it may be said, that the new man looked after the entrance to his house almost as zealous as his predecessor.

Gill was as usual at the back, but Arthur Peaty -now a veteran - filled the vacancy left by Doherty who is at the front. Bert Moore is the only one left of the half line; Siddy Miller is also at home, but will not don the shirt, the wings being filled by juniors Thompson and Hawkesly. The only old timer, if one may use the term, in the forwards is Mellior -Smith, his colleagues being all juniors, and it may here be said that to Smith who hitherto has played as left winger, is due the honour of saving of saving the premiers from an easy defeat.

Delegate Mc Donald, representing N.S.W. F.A. had an interview with the officers the G. and D.F.A. this week, his mission being to arrange a match on Clyde Oval shortly, in aid of last year 's medal fund of that body. Several clubs, including Balmain and Granville, have not received their baubles, either for last year's premiership or N.S.W. championships.

At first sight the reader might think and say that players expecting them wave their claims owing to the strenuous times under war conditions; but we know of several players who after winning their medals, went away to the war and left instructions behind them as to who were to receive their tokens.